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Chapter 1

THE GREAT ELDEN RING WAS SHATTERED.

THE FALLEN LEAVES TELL A STORY.

IN OUR HOME, ACROSS THE FOG, THE LANDS BETWEEN.

...GODWYN THE GOLDEN WAS FIRST TO PERISH.

NOW, QUEEN MARIKA THE ETERNAL IS NO-WHERE TO BE FOUND...

...AND IN THE NIGHT OF THE BLACK KNIVES...

THE MAD TAINT...

...OF THEIR NEW-FOUND STRENGTH ...

...TRIGGERED THE SHATTERING.

SOON, MARIKA'S OFFSPRING, DEMIGODS ALL...

...CLAIMED THE SHARDS OF THE ELDEN RING.

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A WAR FROM WHICH NO LORD AROSE.

A WAR LEADING TO ABANDONMENT BY THE GREATER WILL...

THE CALL OF LONG-LOST GRACE SPEAKS TO US ALL.

YE DEAD, WHO YET LIVE.

ARISE NOW, YE TARNISHED.

HOARAH LOUX, CHIEFTAIN OF THE BADLANDS.

FIA, THE DEATHBED COMPANION.

THE EVER-BRILLIANT GOLDMASK.

AND...

...SIR GIDEON OFNIR, THE ALL-KNOWING.

THE LOATH-SOME DUNG EATER.

...WHOM GRACE WOULD AGAIN BLESS.

AND ONE OTHER ...

CROSS THE FOG, TO THE LANDS BETWEEN...

...TO STAND BEFORE THE ELDEN RING.

AND BECOME ...

A TARNISHED OF NO RENOWN.

...THE ELDEN LORD.

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You Thought This'd Be Serious, Didn't You?

WAIT...THIS CANNOT BE THE TARNISHED WE'RE AFTER.

THE FUTURE "ELDEN LORD"? THIS...?

.....

HE SURE DOESN'T SEEM VERY LORDLY TO ME.

MORE LIKE... AN UNDERWEAR MANNEQUIN SOMEONE THREW OUT.

ARE YOU SURE THIS IS THE ONE, TORRENT ...?

.....

YOU'RE ABSO-LUTELY POSITIVE?

BFFH.

NUDGE

GLANCE

.....

NUDGE

THIS IS HARDLY THE TIME TO BE *HORSING* AROUND ...

TOR-RENT, CUT IT OUT.

NUDGE

NUDGE

WHAT?

BFFH.

YOU THINK EVEN ONE SO, UH, BEYOND THE GOLDEN ORDER COULD PURSUE THE ELDEN RING?

I'D AT LEAST HOPED FOR SOMEONE WITH ENOUGH SENSE TO WEAR PANTS...

SERI-OUSLY— LOOK AT WHAT HE'S WEARING ...

I SEE.

HIS "NICE, FIRM HAUNCHES"?

BFFH!

.....

MUSTN'T JUDGE OTHERS BY APPEAR-ANCE.

WHAT EXACTLY IS IT THAT DRAWS YOU TO HIM, BY THE WAY?

...AND YOU'LL BE THE ONE UNDER THEM ANYWAY.

WELL, THEY'RE THE MARK OF A GOOD HORSE, CERTAINLY.

SUPPOSE WE'D BETTER GET TO SAVING HIM, THEN.

TNK TNK

ﾌﾄ ﾌﾄ

ドキッ BADUM

BFFFH!!?

IT'S A JOKE, TORRENT.

SHP

ｽﾞｯ

HE'S ALMOST TOTALLY NAKED

.....

BUT HOW CAN I BE SURE HE WON'T LOSE THESE SACRED FLASKS?

STRANDED GRAVE-YARD, LIMGRAVE WEST

HUH?

WHAT IS THIS PLACE?

KNOCK KNOCK

WHAT GIVES...? THE DOOR WON'T BUDGE!

WAIT!! SERIOUSLY? I'VE GOTTA LIFT IT UP?

LOUSY CARPENTER, I'LL BET...

WAIT... I GET IT...!

THE LIFT I TOOK UP HERE WAS AUTO-MATIC...

IT'S, LIKE... DEFENSE AND WORKOUT EQUIPMENT ALL IN ONE...

...BUT NOT THE DOOR, HUH!?

CREEP

CREEP

CREEP

THAT MAKES SENSE ...

GEEZ, IT'S HEAVY !!!

THE LANDS BETWEEN

KA-THUD

...WAIT.

WHAT PART OF THIS MAKES SENSE!?

KA-THUD

DAMN...

WHERE THE HELL AM I...?

SHHK

SHHK

SHHK

YIKES!!

HOP

IT'S GONNA FLATTEN ME...!!

CLINK

CLINK

ROLL

WAY TOO CLOSE!!

HAFF, HAFF...

CLINK

CLINK

...AND I FELL OFF A CLIFF. I'M BLANKING ON ANYTHING BEFORE THAT.

SWIPE

THWAP

...THEN I WAS IN SOME KIND OF CHURCH... AND A HUGE, UH, SPIDER-THING SHOWED UP...

HMMM.

LES-SEE...

I RE-MEMBER A WEIRD LIGHT ALL AROUND ME...

SLUMP

H'm...

WHEREVER THAT IS.

I JUST WANNA GO HOME ALREADY ...

AW, MAN... I AM SO LOST...

CLINK CLINK

...SOMEONE HAD SOME FUN.

TURN

BUT AFTER THAT ...

!!

IS THAT... SOME-ONE ELSE ...!?

SHLRRRK

WHO DID THIS WHILE I WAS PASSED OUT!? STICKING BOTTLES TO MY ASS...!!

WHAT IS THIS, CUPPING THERAPY?

THEY'RE ON THERE PRETTY GOOD TOO! I CAN'T YANK 'EM OFF...

OH...? WHAT HAVE WE HERE...?

HEY!! 'SCUSE MEEE!!

WHITE MASK VARRÉ

TARNISHED, ARE WE? COME TO THE LANDS BETWEEN FOR THE ELDEN RING, HMM...?

OF COURSE YOU HAVE. NO SHAME IN IT...

LUCKILY FOR YOU, THERE IS ONE SHINING RAY OF HOPE FOR EVEN THE MAIDENLESS.

ME. VARRÉ ...

.....

C'MON ...

YOU ARE FATED, IT SEEMS, TO ***DIE*** IN OBSCURITY!!

WITHOUT GUIDANCE... ***WITHOUT*** THE STRENGTH OF RUNES...

WITH-OUT AN INVITATION TO THE ROUND-TABLE HOLD...

SMIRK

SMIRK

RUB

RUB

RUB

UM...

UH...

UNFORTU-NATELY FOR YOU, YOU ARE ***MAIDEN-LESS.***

HFF... HFF.

WHAT AM I DOING!?

WHA...

WHAT ARE YOU DOING!?

!!?

SWING!

FLINCH

UGH! SHUU- UUUT UUU- UUUP —!

?

CAL...

CALM DOWN AND LISTEN ALL THE WAY TO THE END THIS TIME...

SSK スッ

ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH GRACE?

IT'S THE GOLDEN LIGHT THAT GIVES LIFE TO YOU TARNISHED...

BLOOSH

THAT'S MY LINE, MAN!!

YOU'RE THE FIRST PERSON I MEET, AND INSTEAD OF HELPING ME, YOU SPOUT OFF A BUNCH OF WEIRD WORDS!!

YOU'RE NOT EXACTLY FRIENDLY YOURSELF...

YOU DIE!!

AFTER WHAT YOU SAID, OF COURSE I'D TRY TO CLOCK YA!! YOU SAID I WAS GONNA DIE!!

THAT IS THE GUIDANCE OF GRACE. THE PATH THAT A TARNISHED MUST TRAVEL.

YOU MAY ALSO BEHOLD ITS GOLDEN RAYS POINTING IN A PARTICULAR DIRECTION AT TIMES.

RUB

RUB

IF YOU AREN'T SURE WHAT PATH YOU SHOULD FOLLOW...

MMM...

IT WILL LEAD YOU TO THE PATH YOU ARE MEANT TO FOLLOW. EVEN IF IT LEADS TO YOUR *GRAVE.*

HEH HEH HEH...

...GRACE WILL GUIDE YOU.

STORM-VEIL?

WHY NOT TRY STORMVEIL CASTLE, OVER ON THE CLIFF?

GRAVE ...?

OH, NO...

FORGET I SAID THAT.

GRIP

DOOOOOM

IN-DEED...

THE HOME OF THE DECREPIT DEMIGOD ...

...GODRICK THE GRAFTED.

CLOP ドス CLOP ドス

I GET KIND OF SQUIRRELLY UNDER PRESSURE

SORRY ABOUT TRYING TO, UH, BASH YOUR HEAD IN BEFORE!!

NOT AT ALL.

SEE YA!!

GOT-CHA!!

SOME FOOD AND CLOTHES WOULD BE NICE TOO!

I BET THEY'LL BE GLAD TO HELP OUT A LOST TRAVELER LIKE ME AT THE CASTLE!!

GREAT IDEA, PAL!!

THUNK ドス

HEEEY!! YEAH, YOU—THE MOUNTED KNIGHT WITH THE SHINY GOLDEN ARMOR!!

HOW ABOUT GIVING ME A RIDE TO THE CASTLE?

OH DEAR...

!!?

BUT WILL HE FELL THE DEMI-GOD...

...OR SIMPLY ADD TO THE GRAFTED'S COLLEC-TION?

.....

IN A SENSE, THAT MAY BE THE STRONGEST TARNISHED I'VE YET SEEN.

DANGLE

DANGLE

NO CAUTION WHATSOEVER-THOUGH

RUMBLE

STORM-
VEIL
CASTLE

WELL
...

...WH-
WHAT
SAY YOU,
MILORD?

.....

THE DEMIGOD
GODRICK THE GRAFTED

.....

THESE ARE THE LATEST IN GRAFTINGS.

UM, QUITE A LINEUP THIS MONTH, I'D SAY...

BRING IT ON!

LEAPS AND BOUNDS

TENDER LOVE

RUFFLE

RUFFLE わら

わら

IF I CAN GIVE YOU, LIKE, SOME ADVICE? DESIGN'S ABOUT TAKING AWAY SO IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE ADDING.

AND YOU NEED, LIKE, BALANCE? OR ELSE IT'LL BE ALL OVER THE PLACE, AND NOBODY'S GONNA GET WHAT YOU'RE GOING FOR.

YOU SAID IT!

WHAT THE HELL DO YOU EVEN HAVE IN MIND!?

SPARKLE

TWIRL TWIRL

AREN'T THEY ALL, LIKE, BLEH?

LATELY IT SEEMS YOU'RE ALL, Y'KNOW, LIKE, QUANTITY OVER QUALITY?

TRENDY...? NO ONE GIVES A DAMN ABOUT THAT EXCEPT YOU...

UM...

I NEED SOME-THING TRENDY.

OKAY, MILORD ...

SOMETHING THAT'LL TURN HEADS IN THE CAPITAL, Y'KNOW? MAKE THAT.

CUTE, BUT NOT TOO CUTE?

GATEKEEPER GOSTOC

STOP ...

I COM-MAND THEE, HALT ...!

!!?

F-FOR-GIVE ME, MI-LORD!

.....

YOU THERE! CLEAN THESE UP!

I'LL FIND MORE TARNISHED FOR NEW GRAFTINGS AT ONCE!

HA HA!

WILL WE ALL BE GRAFTED ...!?

WE'RE DEAD.

FOR REAL?

BADUM

HAVE WE... FINALLY OUTLIVED OUR USE-FULNESS?

SO, Y'KNOW ...

...BRING THE NEXT TARNISHED BACK ALIVE, 'KAY!!?

THUD

DO THAT FOR ME!

THUD

BOW

Y-YES, MILORD! OF COURSE, MILORD!

GRIN

SORRY, I FEEL LIKE THIS IS ALL, Y'KNOW, ME, ME, ME!

HUH?

TEAM-WORK MAKES THE DREAM WORK!

LET'S MAKE THE NEXT GRAFTING SOMETHING WE CAN ALL BE PROUD OF!

AGHEEL LAKE NORTH

SLUMP

"!"

DAMMIT!!

FOR THE SECOND TIME TODAY— WHERE THE HELL AM I!?

AT LEAST I GOT THE BOTTLES OFF MY ASS.

CAN'T SAY I EXPECTED THEM TO HEAL ME UP LIKE THAT...

SWIIIING

WITHOUT THEM, I'D ALREADY BE A GONER...

"WHY NOT TRY THE CASTLE?" THAT HAND-WRINGING, MASK-WEARING WEIRDO SET ME UP...!!

WHAAM

!!

BUT EVERYONE ELSE IS WORSE! IT'S ALL STAB FIRST, ASK QUESTIONS LATER!

I'M MORE OF A CAT PERSON, THOUGH, AND WHERE THE HELL ARE THEY!?

THE DRAGONFLIES ARE HUGE, THE BATS ARE HUGER, AND THE CRABS AND BEARS!? FORGET ABOUT IT!! AT LEAST THE DOGS ARE NORMAL! AND THE SQUIRRELS AND GOATS ARE PRETTY CUTE!

!!?

WHO'S THERE !!!?

GREET-INGS...

...TRAVELER FROM BEYOND THE FOG.

WHA...?

HUH ...?

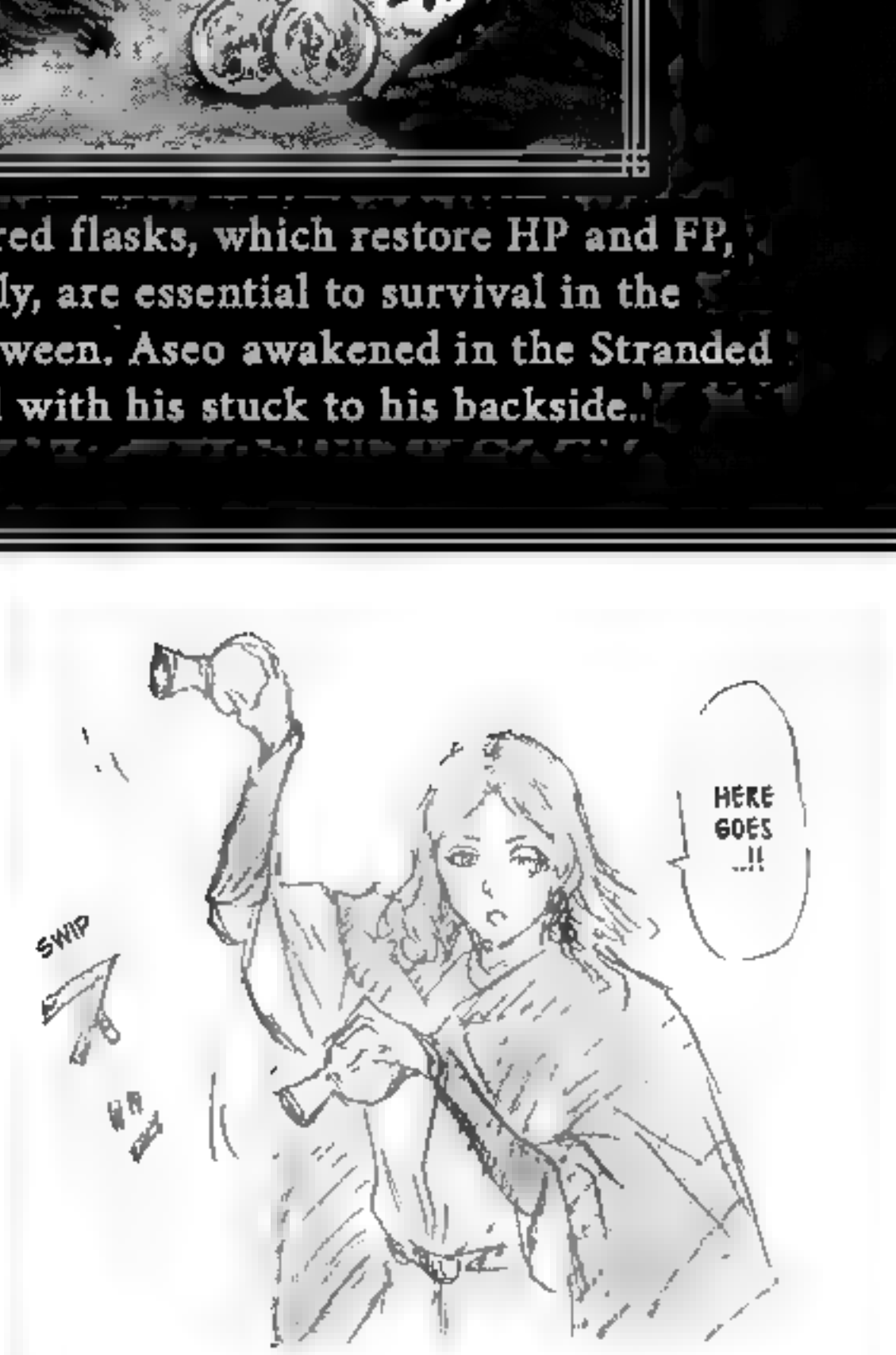
I AM MELINA.

I OFFER YOU AN ACCORD.

TO BE CONTINUED!

Flask of Crimson Tears and Flask of Cerulean Tears

These sacred flasks, which restore HP and FP, respectively, are essential to survival in the Lands Between. Aseo awakened in the Stranded Graveyard with his stuck to his backside..



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Lively Maiden

WHEN WE LAST SAW OUR HERO...

UM... YOU'RE OFFERING AN ACCORD?

...HE'D NOTICED A STRANGE LACK OF CATS IN LIMGRAVE...

...UNLESS SHE WANTS USED UNDER-PANTS.

BADUM ドキ

BADUM ドキ

ALL I'VE GOT TO TRADE ARE THOSE WEIRD BOTTLES AND THIS CLUB...

WHAT, LIKE SOME KINDA DEAL?

I KNOW THIS LADY IS MESSED UP. I MEAN, LOOK AT ME—I'M PRETTY MUCH AN EXPERT...

FIRST OFF, WHO STRUTS UP TO NAKED GUYS SITTING OUT IN THE OPEN AND OFFERS THEM DEALS...?

.....

I SEE ...

NAH... CAN'T SAY I'M FAMILIAR ...

FINGER MAIDENS? TWO FINGERS?

MORE WORDS I DON'T UNDER-STAND...

...HAVE YOU HEARD OF THE FINGER MAIDENS?

THEY SERVE THE TWO FINGERS...

...OFFERING GUIDANCE AND AID TO THE TARNISHED.

YOU, I'M AFRAID, ARE MAIDENLESS.

BUT I CAN PLAY THE ROLE OF MAIDEN...

HUNH...? I GUESS WE'RE GETTING DOWN TO BUSINESS.

YOU'LL FIND THAT MOST HELPFUL...

...IF YOU SEEK THE ELDEN RING.

...TURNING RUNE FRAGMENTS INTO STRENGTH.

HuuuSH

.....

.....

YOU DON'T NEED TO TALK SLOW, OKAY!!?

I GOT WHAT YOU WERE SAYING !!

NO, WAIT! C'MON !!

HAAAVE YOUUU HEAAARD OF FIIINGEEER MAIDEEENS—

LIMM... I KINDA HAVE NO IDEA WHAT THAT IS.

...DID YOU NOT?

YOU CAME HERE IN SEARCH OF THE ELDEN RING...

SKRITCH

SKRITCH

IT'S JUST A LOT OF NEW PROPER NOUNS HERE.

IT'S ALL KINDA RUNNING TOGETH-ER TO ME.

WHAT DO YOU WANT? REALLY SPELL IT OUT.

?

THAT DAMNED HORSE ...

I DON'T KNOW WHAT I'M SUPPOSED TO DO...

...OR EVEN HOW TO NOT DIE, REALLY. IF YOU'VE GOT ANY ADVICE, I'M ALL EARS...

LOOK ...

I FORGOT PRETTY MUCH EVERYTHING FROM BEFORE I GOT HERE.

I'VE STILL GOT THE SPEAR WOUNDS ON MY BUTT. WANNA SEE?

.....

AT LEAST THE FLASKS HEALED ME UP...

I FOLLOWED IT TO THE CASTLE, BUT THE GUARDS DIDN'T LIKE THAT...

WAARUGH!

BWOOOAH

GET

IM!

GRRRR

WAUGH!

I MET THIS ONE GUY IN A FREAKY MASK.

HE SAID IF I WAS LOST, I SHOULD FOLLOW THE GUIDANCE OF GRACE...

HERE, LEMME PUT IT BY THE GRACE SO YOU CAN SEE BETTER!

...AND LOOK! STABBED TWICE, BY TWO SPEARS, IN THE SAME SPOT...

WORRY NOT, TRAV-ELER...

I'VE SEEN ENOUGH. SIT.

SQUISH

MUGYU

HE CAN SEE THE GUIDANCE OF GRACE. THAT'S A START...

PLEASE TRY AGAIN TO ENTER STORMVEIL CASTLE.

!!?

YOU WILL LEARN THE WAYS OF THIS WORLD IN DUE COURSE.

FOR NOW, FOLLOW THE GUIDANCE OF GRACE.

FEAR NOT, TRAV-ELER.

I WILL AID YOU IN YOUR JOURNEY.

I KNEW IT! YOU'RE AS MESSED UP AS THEY COME!!

WHAT'S THIS ACCORD, ANYWAY? YOU WANT ME TO DIE!?

WHAAAT!? NUH-UH! NOOO WAY!! NOT A CHANCE !!

POINT

I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT A RUNE FRAGMENT IS!!

FLOP

AS I SAID BEFORE, I CAN TURN RUNE FRAGMENTS INTO STRENGTH.

SOB

SOB

.....

TO PUT IT SIMPLY...

IF YOU COLLECT RUNES, I CAN HELP YOU LEVEL UP.

IF YOU LEVEL UP, YOU'LL GET STRONGER.

YOU'RE JUST GONNA SPIT MORE FANCY NEW WORDS AT ME!

GUSH

WHAT, IS IT ALL MEANT TO CONFUSE US NEW-BIES AND GIVE US A HARD TIME!!? I BET EVERY ASSHOLE IN THIS WORLD IS IN ON IT!!

IF YOU WANT YOUR ACCORD, PUT IT IN WORDS I CAN UNDERSTAND!!!

I UNDER-STOOD EVERY WORD OF THAT!! OH, SHE'S AMAZING ...!!

WAIT...

HOLD UP!!

I KNOW THIS IS A GAG MANGA, BUT YOU'RE RIPPING DOWN THE FOURTH WALL...

ARE THE DEVS AT FS OKAY WITH THIS?

YOU CAN EARN THEM BY BEATING ENEMIES !!

EXPERI-ENCE POINTS.

SO... YOU'RE SAYING RUNES ARE...?

スクッ

SHWUP

.....

THEN LET MY HAND REST UPON YOU...

ALL RIGHT!! LET'S LEVEL ME UP!!

INDEED... THAT IS UP TO YOU, TRAVELER.

NOT DRAGONFLIES OR BATS OR CRABS OR BEARS OR SOLDIERS OR ANYONE!!?

AND NO-BODY'LL MESS WITH ME?

IF I LEVEL UP, I'LL GET SUPER-RIPPED, RIGHT?

BUFF ムキ

I'M GLAD TO BE OF SERVICE.

WHOA!! I FEEL STRONGER ALREADY!!

BUFF ムキ

IT'S LIKE THE POWER'S SWELLING UP INSIDE ME!!

VLMMM

!!?

HEEEEY!! OUR CONVO WAS TOTALLY LEADING TO A STRENGTH BUILD!! WHAT THE HELL!!

I JUST MADE A REAL ASS OUT OF MYSELF GETTING IT WRONG!!

IN ANY CASE, YOU SEEM LIKE A DIMWIT...

...SO I PUT ALL YOUR POINTS IN INTEL-LIGENCE.

SO YOU'RE THE ONE WHO STUCK 'EM TO MY ASS, HUH...?

...AND HAND THOSE SACRED FLASKS BACK TO ME.

EITHER WAY, WE HAVE A DEAL.

CRAP, I GOT SCAMMED, DIDN'T I?

GLOOOM

ずーん……

NOW FOR YOUR END OF THE ACCORD.

WHY DO I GET THE FEELING SHE'S GONNA BE TROUBLE?

SWIP

UNLESS YOU'D LIKE TO BE MAIDENLESS AGAIN...

...TO THE FOOT OF THE ERDTREE.

YOU NEED ONLY TAKE ME WITH YOU...

...AND LEFT IN THIS BODY...

...IT'S THE REASON I YET LIVE...

THOUGH BURNED AWAY...

I'M SEARCH-ING FOR SOME-THING...

...MY MOTHER GAVE ME INSIDE THE ERDTREE LONG AGO.

MY PURPOSE.

SHE'S LOOKING FOR HER PURPOSE ...?

DID SHE LOSE HER MEMORY JUST LIKE ME...?

AND I BEQUEATH TO YOU THIS RING.

UM... THANKS?

NATU-RALLY ...

...YOU MAY PRIORITIZE FOLLOWING THE GUIDANCE OF GRACE.

HUH?

TOR-RENT HAS CHOSEN YOU.

TREAT HIM WITH RESPECT.

SHIIIING

BFFH.

YOU MAY USE IT TO TRAVERSE GREAT DISTANCES.

IT SUMMONS THIS SPECTRAL STEED. HIS NAME IS TORRENT.

WAIT. WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

SHOULDN'T WE STICK TOGETHER !?

YEAH, BUT...

...IT SOUNDS LIKE WE'LL BE TOGETHER FOR A WHILE. WE SHOULD GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER!

YOU'VE NO FURTHER NEED OF ME RIGHT NOW...

SURE! LAY IT ON ME!

MAY I SUGGEST ONE?

YOU MAY NOT.

CAN I CALL YOU MELI-MELI ...?

YOUR NAME'S MELINA, RIGHT?

!!

WHAT IS YOUR NAME?

THE TARNISHED ARE ALSO KNOWN AS ASEBITO...

...SO ASEO IT IS.

ARE YOU FOR REAL?

.....

Y'KNOW, I JUST REALIZED...

...I HAVE NO IDEA.

WHAT WAS IT...?

!?!

SWIIIING

HUH !?

SHE VAN-ISHED ...!!

UNTIL THEN...

IF YOU WOULD TURN RUNES INTO STRENGTH...

...SUMMON ME BY GRACE.

WAIT! GIMME A DO-OVER ON THE NAME!

I DO HAVE A WAY TO GET AROUND NOW, THOUGH. THINGS SHOULD BE LOOKING UP...

CHEW

MEW

DAMN... MELI-MELI...

.....

YOU SURE DRIVE A HARD BARGAIN...

?

!!

HANG ON...

I JUST GOT AN IDEA!

BFFFH.

TORRENT, RIGHT? THERE'S A GOOD HORSEY!

THE NEXT DAY

HEY, YOU !!

!!

YEAH, THE BIG, BEGINNER-BULLYING BUCKET-HEAD IN GOLD!!!

GLINT

CHECK IT OUT! NOW I'VE GOT A HORSE TOO!

HOPE YOU LIKE REVENGE, 'COS I'M SERVIN' IT COLD!

GLOMP

♪

GLOMP

CLOP
CLOP
CLOP
WHAT'S WRONG? ALL THAT ARMOR WEIGHING YOU DOWN?
!!
CLOMP
CLOMP
CLOP
HA HA HA HA !!
HAH!
LEAD
I CAN DO THIS ALL DAY !!
I"
CLOP
CLOP
CLOP
...BUT YOU CAN'T BEAT ME EITHER!
HA-HA-HA!! MAYBE I CAN'T BEAT YOU...
CLOMP
CLOMP
THAT'S IT, TORRENT! STAY JUST OUT OF HIS RANGE!!
THROB
THROB
HOP
HOP
HA HA HA HA !!
AWW, GETTIN' GRUMPY?
MORE INTELLI-GENCE MEANS MORE CUNNING!
I GOT AN UPGRADE, MAIDEN-STYLE!
BFFFH!
WE'LL JUST TAUNT HIM AND MOVE, AGAIN AND AGAIN!
CLOP
CLOP
CLOP
CLOP

CLOP
CLOP
CLOP
JERK
HEY, TORRENT! WHAT GIVES!?
WHY'D YOU STOP!!?
!!?
SKIIIIID
PRETTY WHOLESOME HOBBY FOR A MAJOR CREEP!
WAIT. DO YOU LIVE HERE?
RUB
RUB
SNIFF
SNIFF
LOVELY WEATHER, ISN'T IT?
PERFECT DAY FOR GARDENING— FOR BOTH FUN AND PROFIT.
OH-HO! WE MEET AGAIN!
RATTLE
RATTLE
CARE FOR SOME ROWA RAISINS?
SWIP
HORSES LOVE THEM, YOU KNOW.
AH, HERE'S ONE OF MY FAVORITE CUSTOMERS NOW!!
TWITCH
SKUFF
WHA —!!?
THE HELL'RE *YOU* DOING HERE !!?

WHAM

CHOMP
CHOMP

AND SO...

...OUR HERO'S JOURNEY TO THE ERDTREE BEGINS—!!!

DANGLE
DANGLE

TO BE CONTINUED!

AND TORRENT TAKING FOOD FROM A STRANGER? I THOUGHT HE KNEW BETTER

.....

I SUPPOSE HIS BASE INTELLIGENCE WAS TOO LOW TO BEGIN WITH...

Spectral Steed Whistle

When blown into, this ring whistles to summon Torrent, the spectral steed. Walking across the vast Lands Between would be a rough trip indeed; Torrent's rider will appreciate him more and more with every step. Why not reward him with lots of Rowa Raisins?

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CHAPTER 3
Time for Patches

MURKWATER CAVE, LIMGRAVE WEST

ALL RIGHT, PATCHES GANG! BANDITS ASSEMBLE!

YESSIR !!

LISTEN UP, LOUTS!! SNATCH UP EVERYTHING YOU CAN!

PATCHES
THE UNTETHERED

YESSIR, BROTHER PATCHES!

NNNH

AHHN

OOOGH

SHOW NO MERCY! I DON'T CARE IF THEY'RE TARNISHED OR DEMI-HUMAN! OR EVEN DEMIGODS!

RIGHT!! MEETING AD-JOURNED !!

LURE 'EM IN, GET BEHIND 'EM, KICK 'EM DOWN, SIR!!

NNNGH AAAH

NOW, WHAT'S OUR MOTTO !!?

DON'T TRUST YOURSELVES TO SURVIVE IN THE LANDS BETWEEN!!

PUT YOUR TRUST IN PATCHES!!

RIGHT, SIR!!

GLASS SHARDS !!

BUT YOUR HEAD IS KINDA SHINY TOO, SO I GUESS IT ALSO COUNTS AS TRASH, HUH!!

EX-ACTLY!

THEY MAY BE A BIT SHINY IN THE LIGHT, BUT THEY'RE TRASH!!

THAT KIND OF THINKING IS GONNA GET YOU KILLED! BY ME!!

JUST LIKE YOU ARE NOW!!

YES-SIR!!

YOU THERE! FRESH MEAT!

YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO KEEPS COMING UP SHORT.

WHAT DID YOU BRING IN YESTERDAY, HMM?

THEN WE SELL THEM AT A PREMIUM TO TARNISHED AND GODRICK'S MEN ALIKE!

...BUT THEY GATHER UP LEATHER AND CRAFTING MATERIALS LIKE CRAZY, DRIVING UP SCARCITY.

ERDLEAF FLOWER

HERBA

OOOGH

MOOSHROOM

THEY MAY LOOK LIKE FALLEN FOOT SOLDIERS ...

NOD

TRY LEARNING SOME-THING FROM THEM!!

I GET IT...

SO EVERYONE HERE IS TOTALLY TRASH!

THIS ONE'S GETTING ON MY LAST NERVE...

1/6 SCALE FIGURINES OF QUEEN MARIKA HERSELF— IN AN ULTRA-LIMITED ERDTREE COLOR VARIANT!

A LITTLE WORK TO CORNER THE MARKET, AND NOW RESALE BUSINESS IS BOOMING!!

LOOK! THESE WERE ONLY SOLD IN THE CAPITAL.

QUEEN MARIKA FIGURINES

24 CT

ELDEN SELECTION

1/6

KICK

QUIT YOUR SNIVELING AND GET BACK TO WORK!

SOME FISH WOULD BE NICE NOW AND THEN.

OH!! UM, ABOUT THAT...

I'M KINDA GETTING SICK OF ALL THE SAME GRUB... THINK YOU COULD WHIP UP SOMETHING NEW?

THROB

ピキ

ピキ

THROB

LOUSY, UNGRATEFUL...

NNNN

AND DO IT RIGHT! REMEMBER HOW I TOOK YOU IN, IN YOUR TIME OF NEED!

.....

OUCH!

STOMP

STOMP

MOUTH-ING OFF, HUH ...!!?

HEY...

WHAT'RE YOU DOING, SIR!?

STAAARE

WHAT IN THE LANDS BETWEEN IS HE UP TO NOW...?

TODAY'S A NEW DAY!

LESSEE IF THERE'S ANYTHING WORTH SWIPING HERE...

SHIIIING

!!

PER-HAPS ...YOU FORGOT OUR ACCORD?

WHY HAVE YOU FALLEN IN WITH A BANDIT GANG?

FOR SHAME, ASEO.

MELI-MELI! WHAT'S UP?

STOP CALLING ME THAT.

HEH!

?

HA HA HA HA...

THIS COLD AND BLOODY WORLD...

...SNAPPED MY HEART IN TWO. *CRACK!*

YOUR NECK'S ABOUT TO SNAP AS WELL...

NO MATTER WHERE I GO, IT'S OPEN SEASON ON ASEO!

WHO CARES?

ガシ

CRICK

NOT ME, THAT'S FOR SURE...

SO FORGET HEADING TO THAT ERDTREE, ALREADY ...

I THOUGHT, WHO NEEDS A MAIDEN...

...WHEN I CAN FOLLOW BROTHER PATCHES INSTEAD?

.....

ROLL

コロ...

AND WHO REACHED OUT TO HELP?

MY NEW BROTHER, PATCHES.

SURE, IT'S ROUGH WORK...

...BUT IT BEATS BEING DEAD...

SWISH

PFFT! YOU DON'T GET IT AT ALL!!

YOU'RE LIKE A DOC PASSING OUT PILLS WITHOUT EVEN LOOKING AT HER PATIENT...

FOR A START...

...LET'S BUMP UP YOUR *INTELLIGENCE* AGAIN.

.....

I UNDER-STAND.

.....

MAYBE YOU'RE THE ONE WHO NEEDS MORE INTELLI-GENCE!

YEAH, BUT IF I GET STRONGER, I'LL HAVE MORE OPTIONS IN COMBAT!

IF YOU GET SMARTER, YOU'LL SEE OTHER OPTIONS...

INTELLI-GENCE IS A TOTAL WASTE OF RUNES!

BUT INTELLIGENCE BOOSTS YOUR THINKING AND JUDGEMENT. YOU COULD ANTICIPATE YOUR FOES' MOVEMENTS AND WIN MORE EASILY!

IF YOU'D RAISED YOUR STRENGTH, YOU'D HAVE RUN OFF RECKLESSLY AND DIED.

WHEN WE MET, YOU BARELY HAD ANY RUNES AT ALL.

!?!

SWIP

DON'T BE SHY!

I GET IT NOW!

C'MON, MAKE ME SMARTER!

.....

CLENCH

WITH YOUR HELP, I CAN THINK UP A WAY TO STEAL WAY MORE THAN THOSE FOOT SOLDIERS!

HUH!?

SLAP

...BUT REALLY, YOU CARE MORE ABOUT ME THAN ANYONE HERE!

WOW, MELI-MELI!! HERE I THOUGHT YOU WERE MEAN...

THAT'S A PRETTY GOOD POINT!

UNTRUE. THAT JUST SPRANG TO MIND.

AS IF.

BFFFH.

TORRENT, GORE HIS THIGHS WITH YOUR HORNS, PLEASE. HIS *INNER* THIGHS.

HEY...

DON'T! A-AT LEAST HEAR ME OUT FIRST...

.....

...WHAT? UM, I MEAN...

PATCHES WON'T JUST LET ME WALK AWAY. MAY AS WELL STICK WITH IT A BIT.

NO LOOT TODAY EITHER...

PLOD トボ"

PLOD トボ"

DAM-MIT...

I BLEW ALL MY DAYLIGHT ARGUING WITH MELI-MELI...

BROTHER PATCHES SAID THERE WERE MERCHANTS OUT HERE..

IS HE TARNISHED? NO, IT'S A MERCHANT!

SOMEONE'S PLAYING AN INSTRUMENT ...?

CHURCH OF ELLEH

I CAN TOTALLY MUG HIM... SHOULD I...!!? YEAH ...!!!?

ドキ BADUM

ドキ BADUM

SWIP

SKITCH SKITCH SKITCH

GULP ゴクッ

IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE HE'S ARMED...

PLUS HE'S ABSORBED IN THE MUSIC...

.....

ZSH

!!

?.....

SQUEEZE ギュッ

UMM...

SWIP

THERE'S BANDITS AND STUFF...

THIS AREA AIN'T SAFE. YOU GOTTA BE MORE CAREFUL!!

I'LL COME CLEAN TO BROTHER PATCHES AND QUIT THE GANG...

SURE

...I KNEW IT. I CAN'T DO IT.

!!

RUSTLE

RUSTLE

TARNISHED, HUH? I CAN SEE YOU'RE NOT AFTER MY THROAT.

AH... KIND OF YOU TO WARN ME..!!

WHUMP

WHY NOT PURCHASE SOMETHING?

HUH? MAY I?

B-
BROTHER
PATCHES
!!?

STOMP

WELL,
WELL,
WELL...

ACTING
ON OUR
OWN, ARE
WE...?

SO
YOU'RE
A TURN-
COAT...

.....

THOUGHT YOU'D MESS WITH PATCHES, EH?

BETTER BRACE YOURSELF...

YOU WERE GONNA LET THAT MERCHANT GO UNROBBED...

...IS THAT IT?

...

LET ME OUT OF THE GANG!!

SWISH

S-SORRY, BROTHER PATCHES!!

I JUST CAN'T DO IT!!

.....

.....

GLEAM

PLEASE!!

GO ON. GET...

!?

...TCH.

TAKK

TAKK

SWISH

SPARE ME THAT STRANGELY DOCILE FACE...

I KNEW FROM THE START WE JUST WEREN'T ON THE SAME WAVELENGTH...

JOLT

BRO !!?

GO ON, FOLLOW YOUR DAMN GRACE...

...TO THE ERDTREE OR WHEREVER YOU LIKE.

BRO !!

EVEN IF I GO LEGIT, I WON'T HIRE A GOOD-FOR-NOTHING LIKE YOU AGAIN...!!

POKE

SWISH

NOW, DON'T MISUNDER-STAND!

IT'S FOR THE GOOD OF THE GANG AS WELL.

YOU WEREN'T EXACTLY MUCH OF A BANDIT

HELP YOURSELF TO THAT CHEST.

?

POINT

CRIPES ...

YOU WANT ME TO KILL YOU THAT BAD ...?

KEEP CALLING ME TRASH

SWISH

SOB うる SOB うる

SNIFFLE

YOU'RE THE BEST KIND OF TRASH THERE IS, BROTHER PATCHES ...

WHENEVER I SEE TRASH FROM NOW ON, I'LL THINK OF YOU! PROMISE ...!!

YOU CAN'T STRUT AROUND NAKED FOREVER, FRIEND!

TAKE SOME TRAVELER'S GARB AND TROUSERS.

POOF

!!?

GA-CHK

I REALLY OWE YOU ONE, BROTHER PATCHES ...!!

I'LL NEVER FORGET YOU, AS LONG AS I LI—

THAT'S A TELEPOR-TATION TRAP.

SMIRK

GEHO (COUGH)

GOHO (CHOKE)

FWOOOM

WHAT GIVES ...!!?

KOFF...! WHAT'S WITH ALL THE SMOKE!!?

AH ...

HA HA HA HA HA HA...

WAVE

HAPPY TRAILS ...

...LITTLE TARNISHED!

GOHO

GOHO

T-TELEPOR-TATION ...!!?

MY PARTING GIFT.

YOU MUST BE MORE SUSPICIOUS, IF YOU WANT TO SURVIVE THE LANDS BETWEEN!

SLAM

FWOOOOOOOOOM

D-
DAMMIT...

.....

HUH!?

A B-B-
BEAR.!?

GRRROWWR...

HUH?

...

T—

T-
TORRENT,
GET OUT
HERE!

HURRY!

C'MON,
TORRENT
!!

SLAM

PHWEET

PHWEET

WHERE
THE HELL
AM I...?

CRAP!!

I STILL CAN'T BLOW THIS DAMN WHISTLE RIGHT!

GRRROWWR!!

GAAAH!!

TORREEEENT!!!

...

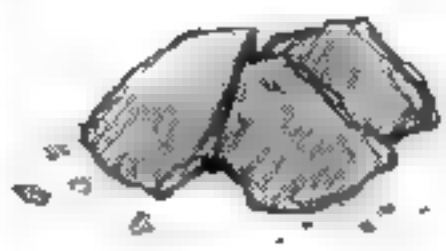
SO THE ONE TO APPEAR BEFORE ME...

...IS HIM...

THE TARNISHED ATOP THE SPECTRAL STEED.

TO BE CONTINUED!

Glass Shard



A glass shard covered in dirt. One might be tempted to think it could come in handy eventually...but one would be mistaken. Essentially worthless.

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RUSTLE

LAST TIME, ON ROAD TO THE ERDTREE —

"OH CRAP! A BEAR!"

RUSTLE

CHAPTER 4
Fluffy Fur Ahead

HOW DID THESE FLASKS END UP ON MY ASS AGAIN...?

WOBBLE

WOBBLE

BOB

WHAT IF MELI-MELI SEES ME LIKE THIS?

SHE'LL TREAT ME LIKE AN IDIOT, AND BLOW ALL MY RUNES ON INTELLIGENCE AGAIN!

RUSTLE

BFFFH!

OH

WE'RE THERE, HJH? THANKS, TOR-RENT...

I DON'T REMEMBER HOW WE GOT HERE... JUST A LOT OF HARD AND FRANTIC GALLOPING.

I THOUGHT I WAS DONE FOR...

!!

SWAY

HEY, YOU OVER THERE !!

WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU!!?

NAH ...

THAT'S, UH, UN-RELATED.

A SHAME... BUT IF IT WEREN'T FOR YOUR HELP...

...THEY MIGHT'VE STUCK BOTTLES TO MY BACKSIDE TOO...!!

BARBARIC

POP POP

DID THOSE BANDITS GIVE YOU A BEATING?

.....

UH... SOME-THING LIKE THAT.

AH...

TH-THANKS A LOT...

EITHER WAY, YOU MUST REST!!

HERE. LEAN ON ME.

NOMADIC MERCHANT KALE

SWIP

HERE— AS THANKS FOR SAVING ME!

TAKE IT, PLEASE!

IT ALLOWS YOU TO MAKE BASIC ITEMS ON YOUR OWN.

WHAT IS THIS?

RIFFLE ｶｻｶｻ

A CRAFTING KIT!

TH-THANKS A BUNCH!

ESSENTIAL, REALLY...

...IF YOU INTEND TO SURVIVE OUT HERE.

NO NEED TO WORRY ABOUT THAT!

OKAY, BUT I DON'T KNOW HOW TO MAKE ITEMS.

RUSTLE

RIFFLE

I NEED MY IMPORTANT CUSTOMERS TO SURVIVE!

SIMPLE ...

GRIN

YOU'RE A MERCHANT. WHY GIVE IT AWAY?

WAIT ...

I SEE ...

SORRY, I'M KINDA... BROKE.

WHOA! REALLY? SURE, SIGN ME UP!!

MAYBE YOU COULD RUN A LITTLE ERRAND FOR ME.

THEN IT'S ON THE HOUSE.

SWISH

WITH ONE OF THESE, EVEN YOU CAN DO IT!

GRIN

A NOMADIC WARRIOR'S COOKBOOK! ONLY FIVE HUNDRED RUNES!

THE KIT'S A LOSS LEADER...

AHH... SO THAT'S HOW HE GETS YOU.

I, UH, JUST BARELY MADE IT OUT OF THOSE WOODS WITH MY LIFE...

.....

I'D LIKE YOU TO GO TO THE FOREST EAST OF HERE.

NOW, I'LL ADMIT, IT IS FULL OF WILD BEARS...

MISTWOOD, LIMGRAVE EAST

ALL THAT INTEL-LIGENCE PAYS OFF...!!

SNAP SNAP SNAP SNAP

I KNOW! I'LL KEEP SNAPPING, SO IT BLENDS IN WITH THE FOREST SOUNDS...!!

WHEN I HEAR A WOLF'S HOWL...

GLANCE きょろ

GLANCE きょろ

...I'M S'POSED TO SNAP MY FIN-GERS...

AW, MAN, WHAT IF THE SOUND ATTRACTS BEARS...!?

AWOOOOOO...

!!!

.....

WHO GOES THERE ?

THAT MUST BE THE SIGN.

HERE GOES !!

SNAP

11°

!!?

WHOA... KALE CALLED THIS GUY A "WOLF KNIGHT"...

...BUT I DIDN'T THINK HE'D LITERALLY BE A WOLF...

I FIGURED IT WAS A NICKNAME...

...

TAKK

HUH !!?

UM... I... UHH...

GEEZ, THAT SCARED THE CRAP OUTTA ME...!!

URRROOOWWWRRR!

ACK!

THERE IT IS!!!

TWITCH

!!

STOMP

CLANK

GET BACK.

HUH?

SLAM

GRAK!

DART

SO...

WHY ARE YOU HERE?

R-RIGHT!

RIFFLE

RUSTLE

DOOOOOOM

CLACK

DIING

TALK ABOUT STRONG ...!!!

THE NAME'S BLAIDD.

I'M LOOKING FOR A MAN WHO GOES BY "DARRIWIL."

I'M ASEO THE TARNISHED.

FLAP

FLAP

SWIP

FOR YOU!

UMM ...

I'M ON AN ERRAND FOR KALÉ...

KALÉ, EH?

EVER THE BLOODY BUSYBODY.

BLAIDD
THE HALF-WOLF

NOW I CAN BRING THAT TRAITOR TO A FITTING END...

SWIVEL SWIVEL

OH? THAT MUST BE IT!

YOU'RE HOLDING IT UPSIDE-DOWN.

UHH...

MAYBE IT SHOWS WHERE THAT DARRIWIL GUY IS?

A MAP...?

WHY WOULD HE SEND ME THIS ...?

...

IS SOMETHING WRONG?

.....

HMMN...

LESSEE... HERE'S WHERE WE ARE.

THE X IS JUST SOUTH OF AGHEEL LAKE, RIGHT?

SO IT IS.

IS THIS GUY FOR REAL...?

HOW DO YOU EVEN READ THESE THINGS?

HE'S SO GOOD AT FIGHTING TOO...

WHERE IS THIS? A WHOLE OTHER CONTINENT?

WHAT, YOU NEED TO SEE IT AT THE EXACT SAME SCALE AS THE MAP!!?

GOOD POINT. I'M OFF TO CLIMB THE ERDTREE, THEN!

BUT WHAT GROUND'S HIGH ENOUGH TO SEE THAT FAR?

I CAN SEE FARTHER THAT WAY.

RIGHT! I'LL TRY LOOKING FROM HIGHER GROUND.

SWIP

...

SORRY, BUT COULD YOU GUIDE ME THERE?

FINE, WHY NOT?

I CAN OFFER YOU AMPLE REWARD.

YOU'VE LITERALLY GOT A MAP IN YOUR HAND!!

HOW DO YOU SUGGEST I FIND HIM, THEN?

NO SUCH THING AS A FREE COOKBOOK, I GUESS ..

WHO KNEW THIS'D BE SUCH A PAIN IN THE ASS?

WEST FROM WHICH SIDE? WHERE DOES IT STOP BEING WEST? SOUTH IS DOWN, SO SHOULD I DIG?

START BY HEADING WEST OUT OF THE WOODS AND TURN SOUTH!!

THIS GUY'S HOPELESS! HE'LL NEVER GET THERE!

KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR BIG, CATER-PILLAR-Y THINGS...

I'VE BEEN ALL OVER THE PLACE SINCE I MET MELI-MELI...

I KNOW WHERE THIS X IS...

IT SHOULD BE BY SOME BIG, CIRCULAR RUIN.

WAIT UP!

ROLL ROLL

HEY...

WHAT'RE YOU CHASING?

BARK!

!!

SKRITCH ポリ ポリ SKRITCH

THIS GUY'S NO WOLF.

HE'S JUST A BIG DOG...

AHH, SORRY, FRIEND.

WHEN I SEE SOMETHING ROUND, I JUST CAN'T HELP BUT CHASE IT...

ZSH

DON'T PANIC. AS LONG AS WE DON'T THREATEN THEM...

SWISH

HUH?

RUSTLE

YIPES !!

GRRRRR.

NOW WE'VE GOT ACTUAL WOLVES ...!!

RUSTLE

GRIN

NO... THEY JUST WANT TO PLAY...

PLAY!? THEY'RE TRYING TO RIP YOUR THROAT OUT!!

CHOMP

CHOMP

CHOMP

...THEY WON'T ATTACK US.

CHOMP

CHOMP

ITS FANGS ARE BURIED IN YOUR ARM...

CHOMP

RIP

H-HOW !!?

YANK

CHOMP

SORRY, ASEO! I CAN'T MOVE! MAKE THEM LESS PLAYFUL FOR ME!

GOT IT!!

UHHH...

FLUSTER

FLUSTER

UH...

YOU GOT IT!

GNAW

GNAW

GRRRRRR

THROW SOMETHING! ANYTHING!! AND THROW IT FAR...!!

DASH

STOP!!

DON'T GO CHASE IT WITH THEM!

FWSHHH

HEY, WOLVES !! GOTTA BONE FOR YA!! GO GET IT!!!

HEAVE

HUH?

GEEZ, GIMME A BREAK...

WAIT!

!!

THAT'S MINE! I DROPPED IT!

THERE'S SOME-THING DOWN HERE...

RUSTLE

SILENCE !!

WHAT IS IT? IT LOOKS KINDA WEIRD—

SWISH

THANKS FOR FINDING IT, FRIEND.

SWIRL

WE'VE LOST TIME. I'LL GO ON AHEAD.

.....

UH, BLAIDD? THIS WAY.

HOLD YOUR TONGUE, UNLESS YOU'D RATHER DIE BEFORE DARRIWIL.

UM...

'KAY...

THE SOUTHERN-MOST TIP OF LIMGRAVE WEST

SO HE'S HIDING IN AN EVERGAOL ...

REVERSE PSYCHOLOGY... CLEVER...

BUT WHEN I'M DONE...

...I'LL NEED YOU TO SHOW YOU ME THE WAY HOME!

DAMN, THIS GUY'S A REAL HAND-FUL...

TO BE CONTINUED

WELP, HERE'S WHERE I HEAD OFF...

ME?

I'M NOT REALLY MUCH USE IN A FIGHT...

WAIT, ASEO !!

WON'T YOU JOIN ME IN THE EVERGAOL?

Crafting Kit

This kit contains a pestle and mortar, a small blade, and various other necessary tools for crafting items. Anyone can use it to make items of their own, no matter how meager their stats—luckily for Aseo.

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CHAPTER 5
Offer Loyalty

RELAX. THIS IS MY FIGHT.

I'M JUST GONNA WATCH..

UH... LIKE I SAID BEFORE...

...I'M USELESS IN COMBAT.

FLASH

AH, WELL...

HAH !!

HERE WE GO!!

...THIS GUY MAY BE HOPELESS WITH DIRECTIONS, BUT HE CAN FIGHT.

CLANK

OOGH ...

KEH HEH HEH HEH...

!!?

A SEPARATE SPACE FROM THE OUTSIDE WORLD.

WE'RE IN AN EVERGAOL.

WHERE ARE WE?

NOW HERE'S A SURPRISE ...

CLANK

GIVE IT UP, DARRIWIL.

SHOOM

AS BAD AS YOU ARE AT SNIFFING THINGS OUT...

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TIPTOEEEE

I'LL JUST GET OUT OF THE WAY AND WATCH THE FIGHT.

GREAT, I CAN'T MAKE OUT A WORD THEY'RE SAYING.

GOOD IDEA. YOU SHOULD SEE THIS.

...YOU STILL MANAGED TO FIND THIS PLACE ...!!

MELINA!! WHEN'D YOU GET HERE!?

FWOOSH

JOLT

BLOODHOUND KNIGHT DARRIWIL

I DIDN'T EVEN DO ANY-THING YET!

SOMEONE'S GOT TO CURB YOUR STUPIDITY...

I AM YOUR MAIDEN.

WH-WHY'D YOU COME !!?

AND HOW...?

NEXT THING I KNOW, THERE'S FLASKS ON MY ASS AGAIN...

ALL I REMEM-BER IS FLEEING FROM A BEAR.

AH...

NOW, ABOUT THOSE BRUISES ...

THAT ASIDE, THIS IS A GOOD CHANCE FOR YOU.

IN WHAT WAY?

GLANCE キョロ

IT WAS YOU AGAIN !!?

キョロ GLANCE

SWIP

HERE GOES

NO WONDER YOU CAN'T RECALL.

YOU HIT YOUR HEAD WHILE ESCAPING, AND I PUT THEM THERE TO WAKE YOU UP.

THERE'S OTHER WAYS TO WAKE PEOPLE UP, Y'KNOW!

YOU COULD LEARN SOMETHING FROM WATCHING A TRUE WARRIORS' DUEL.

THERE WILL BE BATTLES ON THE WAY TO THE ERDTREE THAT YOU CAN'T AVOID...

FOR THE LAST TIME...

...WHY DID YOU BETRAY HER...!!?

FINE.

*I'M LOST WITHOUT A TRANSLATION

IF YOU WANT ME TO LEARN ...

...HOW 'BOUT INTERPRETING FOR ME?

I'VE BETRAYED NO ONE.

HEH.

BECAUSE I REALIZED THE TRUTH ABOUT LUNAR PRINCESS RANNI!!

HOW DARE YOU SAY THAT !!?

.....

UH, WHAT'S THAT?

SOME SAY SHE WAS BEHIND THE NIGHT OF THE BLACK KNIVES.

THAT DOESN'T HE-P...

THE EVENT THAT LED TO THE SHATTERING OF THE ELDEN RING.

PRINCESS OF THE CARIAN ESTATE.

WHO'S THIS RANNI?

A SO-CALLED WITCH, AND A DEMIGOD TO BOOT.

WHAT DO YOU KNOW OF RANNI, CUR!!?

SILENCE!!

DASH

SEEMS SO. IF IT CONCERNS MAJOR SECRETS ABOUT RANNI...

...THEN IT IS INDEED OF GREAT IMPORT.

THIS MUST BE A FIGHT OVER SOME HEAVY STUFF.

KEH HEH HEH!

LET ME SHOW YOU!!

BEHOLD THE TRUTH ABOUT RANNI THAT I'VE DIS-COVERED ...!!!

.....

HUH?

SWISH

SEE!!? RANNI IS MUCH, MUCH CUTER IN THIS OUTFIT I PICKED!

HUFF

HUFF

DON'T RUN FROM THE TRUTH, BLAIDD !!

SWOOSH

NON-SENSE!! RANNI IS PERFECT THE WAY SHE IS!!

WHAT YOU'RE DOING TO HER IS RECKLESS, SELF-SERVING, AND VACUOUS!!

WHAT?

. . . . . .

FOR REAL!? YOU LUCKY DOG!!

SHE'S MY MASTER, YOU KNOW

ONCE, I HAPPENED TO BE SEATED NEXT TO DARRIWIL, AND WE GOT INTO TALKING ABOUT HER.

I AM RANNI'S BODY-GUARD.

WE FOUNDED THE ***RANNI FAN CLUB*** ON THE SPOT.

SIGNS: RANNI FAN CLUB HEADQUARTERS / NONMEMBERS KEEP OUT!

.....

UM...

THE STORY GOES BACK A LONG WAY...

WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT?

SHOULDN'T YOU HAVE SPENT YOUR YOUTH, UH, PRO-TECTING HER?

YOU'RE HER BODYGUARD, RIGHT...?

AH, HOW I SPENT THE DAYS OF MY YOUTH...

...BY MAKING AND PERFECTING RANNI DOLLS.

TOGETHER WE STROVE TO SHOW OUR FEELINGS...

BE-TRAYAL? NO, IT WAS AN AWAK-ENING!

SO DORKY ...

OOOOOOOM

SUCH VILE BE-TRAYAL ...

GA-CHK

!!

BUT DARRIWIL BROKE OUR CLUB'S SACRED CHARTER!!

...SOILING RANNI'S IMAGE!!

HE CHANGED A DOLL'S CLOTHES...

UH... I'M NOT EXACTLY AN EXPERT ON DOLLS...

...AND I'M REALLY NOT A FAN OF THREATS...

SWOOSH

SHINK

ANSWER!!

ASEO!! YOU SURELY UNDER-STAND!!

WHICH RANNI IS BEST!?

HUH?

POKE

UH...

WELL... OOF.

A BRUTALLY FAIR POINT...

CELEBRITY OR NOT, YOU'RE PLAYING WITH HER LIKENESS WITHOUT HER KNOWLEDGE.

PERSONALLY, I'M THOROUGHLY DISGUSTED WITH BOTH OF YOU...

TURN IV

YOU, THEN! GIRL WHO SHOW UP OUT OF NO-WHERE!!

WHAT DO YOU THINK!!?

HOW TO PUT THIS...

.....

DEEP DOWN, EVEN YOU MUST REAL-IZE!!

SWOOP

A... ANYWAY ...!!

ADMIT IT, BLAIDD!!

FLUSTER

JOIN ME, BLAIDD!!

DRESS HER AS YOU LIKE!

POSE HER AS YOU WILL!

LIB-ERATE YOUR DESIRE !!!

CLUTCH

ACCEPT THE CHARMS OF MY CRE-ATION!!

BADUMP

YOU SEEK THE AP-PROVAL OF OTHERS ...

...TO MASK YOUR OWN UNCER-TAINTY!

!?!

KEH HEH HEH! GIVE IN, BLAIDD !!

CLANK

NGHHH ...

I'LL NEVER BETRAY RANNI!

NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS

FALL !!

!!?

TWACK

SWOOSH

FALL—

HUH?

WHA...?

DIING

TWITCH

I'M SORRY.

THAT'S MY CLUB

BONK

MELI-MELI TOOK HIM OUT BEFORE I COULD LEARN ANY-THING...

I GUESS THAT NONSENSE WOULD PISS ANYONE OFF

I JUST ...

...COULDN'T BEAR INTERPRETING ONE MORE WORD OF THAT ASININE TALK...

SWIP

I'M A MAN OF MY WORD. HERE'S YOUR PRIZE.

WHAT ... IS IT?

MEH... IT'S NOT LIKE I DID ANYTHING.

SORRY FOR ALL THE TROUBLE ...

GONNA HAVE TO PASS...

THE RANNI FAN CLUB CREST. WHAT SAY YOU? WILL YOU JOIN?

FAREWELL, ASEO!! UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN!!

RUSTLE

UH, BLAIDD?

THE WAY BACK'S OVER HERE.

SWIP

TOD BAD.

SWISH

ALL RIGHT, THEN.

IF YOU MEET A VENERABLE BLACKSMITH WHO'S A LITTLE ON THE LARGE SIDE IN RAYA LUCARIA...

...TELL HIM I SENT YOU. HE'LL BE SURE TO TREAT YOU RIGHT.

I'LL DO THAT.

HEY, KALÉ! I'M BACK!

PHEW...

THAT WAS ONE LONG ODD JOB.

TAKK

UH, KALÉ?

YOU ASLEEP?

ZZZ...

HUH?

THIS WAY...

...TAR-NISHED.

HUH !?

MAY I HAVE A WORD?

OVER HERE.

I GET THE FEELING I HAVE MORE QUESTIONS FOR HER THAN SHE HAS FOR ME...

TO BE CONTINUED!

A GIRL... WITH TWO FACES AND FOUR ARMS...?

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Carian Filigreed Crest

An honor said to have once been awarded to Carian knights who served as direct retainers to princesses. It serves as undeniable proof of the bearer's honor; needless to say, it's extremely precious.

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YOU...

YOU WANT A WORD?

CHAPTER 6

Try No

...HANG ON.

I GUESS SHE MUST BE RANNI...

LOOKING CLOSELY, SHE LOOKS A LOT LIKE THOSE DOLLS BLAIDD AND DARRIWIL HAD.

THAT'S RIGHT...

HUH...? SHE'S SOMEONE ELSE!!?

THEN WHY'S SHE LOOK THE SAME?

I AM THE WITCH RENNA.

MAYBE THIS IS WHAT'S IN STYLE.

STILL PUZ-ZLING, THOUGH ...

TWO FACES, FOUR ARMS

WHAT ARE YOU MUTTER-ING?

WHA —?

ART THOU NOT POSSESSED OF THE POWER TO CALL FORTH THE SPECTRAL STEED NAMED TORRENT?

I'D HEARD TELL OF A TARNISHED HURTLING ABOUT ATOP A SPECTRAL STEED.

UPON LOOKING INTO THE MATTER, THE TALK, I SURMISE, IS OF THEE...

ALL RIGHT...

I'LL TAKE BROTHER PATCHES'S ADVICE AND PLAY DUMB! THAT'LL THROW HER OFF...

YOU MUST BE MORE SUSPICIOUS IF YOU WANT TO SURVIVE THE LANDS BETWEEN!

HEY... WHY DOES SHE KNOW ALL THAT PER-SONAL INFO?

IS SHE PLOTTING SOME-THING...?

TOO WEIRD.

ART THOU POS-SESSED OF THE POWER TO CALL FORTH TOR-RENT?

SWISH

I... I'LL ASK THEE ONCE AGAIN.

CEASE WITH THAT FACE !!!

?

RAGE

TORRENT?

I DUNNO NO TORRENT, LADY!

SQUIRM

HER PLAN'S FAILING! SHE'S SHAKING!

NO MORE TROUBLE, PLEASE

GREAT... NOW I CAN LEAVE IN PEACE!

NNNGH...

PFFF

WHAT AN EXASPERATING TARNISHED!

THOU REFUS-EST TO ADMIT IT?

...INTER-ESTING.

RRRRRRRRRRRGH!!!

WIGGLE

GEE, THANKS FOR THE TIP, LADY!

SLAP

SUIT THYSELF.

THE LANDS BETWEEN ARE RIFE WITH DECEIT... BETTER TO DOUBT TOO MUCH THAN TOO LITTLE!

TORRENT'S FORMER MASTER ENTRUSTED ME WITH THESE!!

TAKE THEM, SHOULD THOU SEE'ST FIT!!

FUME

FUME

TREMBLE

TREMBLE

THAT'S QUITE ENOUGH!!

THUNK

THUNK

FIRST SHE ASKS ABOUT TORRENT ...

...THEN SHE HAWKS SOME HORSEY HEALTH FOOD.

MUSTA BEEN SOME KINDA PUSHY SALES TACTIC.

SWIVEL

SHE SAW I'M NO SUCKER, SO SHE SPLIT.

NOW TO WAKE KALE UP AND GET MY REWARD...

FWSHHH

AH, SHE'S GONE...

MAN, YOU'RE PUSHY...

STRANGER DANGER, LADY! I'M NOT GONNA JUST GRAB ANYTHING YOU GIVE ME!

I AM NOT !!

THE INSTANT I PICK THOSE UP, YOU'LL MAKE ME COUGH UP RUNES FOR 'EM, RIGHT?

THOU'RT SUPPOSED TO TAKE THESE!!

HEY!!

WAIT!! STOP!!

RUSTLE

LISTEN!

THIS IS A SPIRIT CALLING BELL!

SWISH

UUUGH! THOU DAMNED CON-TRARIAN !!

SWOOSH

IT CAN SUMMON SPIRITS FROM ASH UNRETURNED TO THE ERDTREE.

HMPH!! THOU LEAVEST ME NO CHOICE...

WHOA!

ARE YOU FOR REAL?

THESE SPIRITS WILL OBEY THEE...

...BUT BRIEFLY, AS THEY RECALL BATTLES PAST!

AW, YOU SCAMMERS ALWAYS USE FLOOFY TALK TO KEEP THINGS VAGUE.

"NOW, IT MAY NOT WORK THE SAME WAY FOR EVERY-ONE..." AND SO ON.

THEY'RE NOT COMING ...

THAT'S BECAUSE THY MIND STAT IS TOO LOW!!

DING

SWISH

DING

.....

HUUUSH

THROB

THROB

BUH-BYE!!

ANY-HOO, YOU KEEP 'EM!!

WIGGLE

WHAT !?!

NO WAY!!

!!?

VUMMMM

DING DING DIIING

SIC 'IM...

...LONE WOLVES.

HEY!

S...

SORRY!

APOLO-GIZE, WASTREL.

BOW

BOW

FSHHHHH

MY BAD!!

I TRUST YOU, I SWEAR !!

C'MON ...

CALL 'EM OFF!!

RUFF!

AWOO!

RUFF!

"I RECANT MY VULGARITY AND REGRET BEFOULING THE WORLD WITH MY ODORIFEROUS BREATH!" SAY IT!!

"FORGIVE ME FOR HAVING DOUBTED YOU."

RANNI!!!!

NOT GOOD ENOUGH.

OVERREACT MUCH...?

WHAT'S MY BREATH GOT TO DO WITH IT..?

!!?

BY THE WAY, RENNA, WHY ARE YOU DRESSED LIKE RANNI?

SWISH

I REALLY AM SORRY ...

VERY WELL.

BOW

BOW

HUH !!?

SO YOU *ARE* HER? I KNEW IT!!

RANNI THE WITCH

WAIT... WHENCE DOST THOU KNOW OF MY FORM?

THERE'S NO USE HIDING, THEN. I AM RANNI.

OH MAN... I PISSED OFF A DEMIGOD! I'M LUCKY SHE DIDN'T KILL ME!

BLOOM

.....

...BUT THAT WASN'T AN OPTION THIS TIME.

SO I USED A FAKE NAME.

THERE ARE THOSE WHO WISH ME HARM, SO I TRY TO HIDE MY FORM.

I MOVE THROUGH DARK OF NIGHT AND DEPTH OF SLEEP...

RUSTLE

UM...

WELL...

IT'S A LONG STORY...

BUT HOW DIDST THOU LEARN OF ME?

SPEAK!! MY SAFETY DEPENDS UPON IT!!

HMM...

THOU SEEK'ST TO SUFFER, THEN?

S-SORRY, RANNI...

BUT I CAN'T SAY!!

IF I SAY, "YOUR BODY-GUARD HAD A DOLL THAT LOOKED LIKE YOU," IT'D SAVE MY SKIN...

WHAT DO I DO NOW!?

...BUT ONLY UNTIL BLAIDD KILLS ME FOR BLABBING!

I PROM-ISED A FRIEND NOT TO!

DO WHAT-EVER YOU WANT WITH ME, BUT I WON'T BETRAY HIM!

LESSEE IF THAT WORKS!

HE MAY LOOK LIKE AN IMBECILE ...

...BUT HE MIGHT BE QUITE A MAN INDEED.

HE KNOWS WHO I AM, AND STILL WON'T SPEAK...

WILT THOU ENTER INTO MY SERVICE, ASEO?

!!?

INTER-ESTING... TELL ME, WHAT IS THY NAME?

HUH?

UM... IT'S ASEO...

ROUSE THY INTER-EST?

AGAIN, I AM THE WITCH RANNI.

I STOLE DEATH LONG AGO, AND SEARCH NOW FOR THE DARK PATH.

I AM IN NEED OF SERVANTS. MINE TEND NOT TO RETURN FROM THEIR ERRANDS.

WHAT THE HELL ...?

HOW DID THIS HAPPEN !?

SWISH

HUH?

NEARLY DAWN...

LET US CALL IT A NIGHT FOR NOW...

!!

WHEN NEXT WE MEET, ASEO, I WILL HAVE THY ANSWER.

WAIT... I DUNNO ...

BRUSH THY TEETH BEFORE BED!

... 'KAY.

THEN THY BREATH SHALL REEK SLIGHTLY LESS.

SO SHE WASN'T JUST BEING MEAN— MY BREATH REALLY STINKS...

RUDE AWAKEN.NG. .

FWSHHH

.....

WHAT A MESS ...

FWSHHH

I FOR-GOT TO SAY ...

!!

WELP, IT LOOKS LIKE TROUBLE FOUND ME AGAIN...

.....

FWSHHH

SHE SEEMS INTRIGUING. WHY DON'T YOU JOIN HER?

WHAT!? NO! HARD PASS !!

.....

C'MON, THAT GESTURE PROVES YOU SAW IT ALL!

DON'T HOLD YOUR DAMN NOSE..

SHIIIING

IS SOME-THING WRONG ?

AS I SAID, YOUR ROAD TO THE ERDTREE NEEDN'T BE A DIRECT ONE.

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IF I WORK FOR HER, WHO KNOWS WHAT KINDA CRAP SHE'LL MAKE ME DO...?

WASN'T RANNI BEHIND ALL THAT, UH, HEAVY STUFF?

じ STAAARE

LOOK, ASEO.

ON YOUR OWN, YOU'LL JUST GOOF OFF HERE FOR-EVER.

I'M UP FOR WHATEVER IT TAKES TO GET YOUR ASS MOVING.

UHHH... G-GOTCHA ...

SKRITCH SKRITCH

.....

YOU'RE REALLY PUSHING FOR THIS. WHAT GIVES?

WHY WOULDN'T I?

PLEASE AND THANKS!

FINE, THEN.

FLUSTER FLUSTER

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OH!! RIGHT!

I JUST GOT SOME-THING REALLY COOL!!

RUFFLE

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BUT I CAN'T USE IT YET, SO WOULD YOU BOOST MY MIND FOR ME...?

RUSTLE

.....

BUT FIRST, I MUST INCREASE YOUR VIGOR INSTEAD ...!!

HUH? WHY'S THAT?

.....

IS IT SERI-OUSLY THAT BAD?

YES... I'M AFRAID SO.

RUSTLE

RUSTLE

RAISING YOUR VIGOR WILL RAISE YOUR IMMUNITY TOO.

YOUR LOW IMMUNITY MIGHT BE ONE CAUSE OF YOUR BAD BREATH!

THAT'S REALLY ENOUGH OF THAT...

IT NEVER ENDS..

...

FOUND A TARNISHED ...!!

SWISH

REALLY...? SORRY.

I WONDER IF KALÉ SELLS TOOTH-BRUSHES...

GLOOM

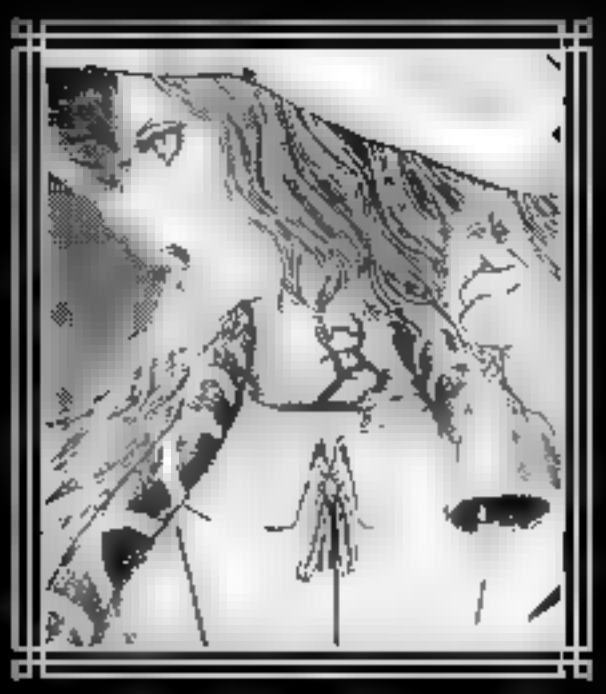
GREAT... WE MUST NOTIFY LORD GODRICK!

YOU DO!!? SPLIT IT WITH ME!!

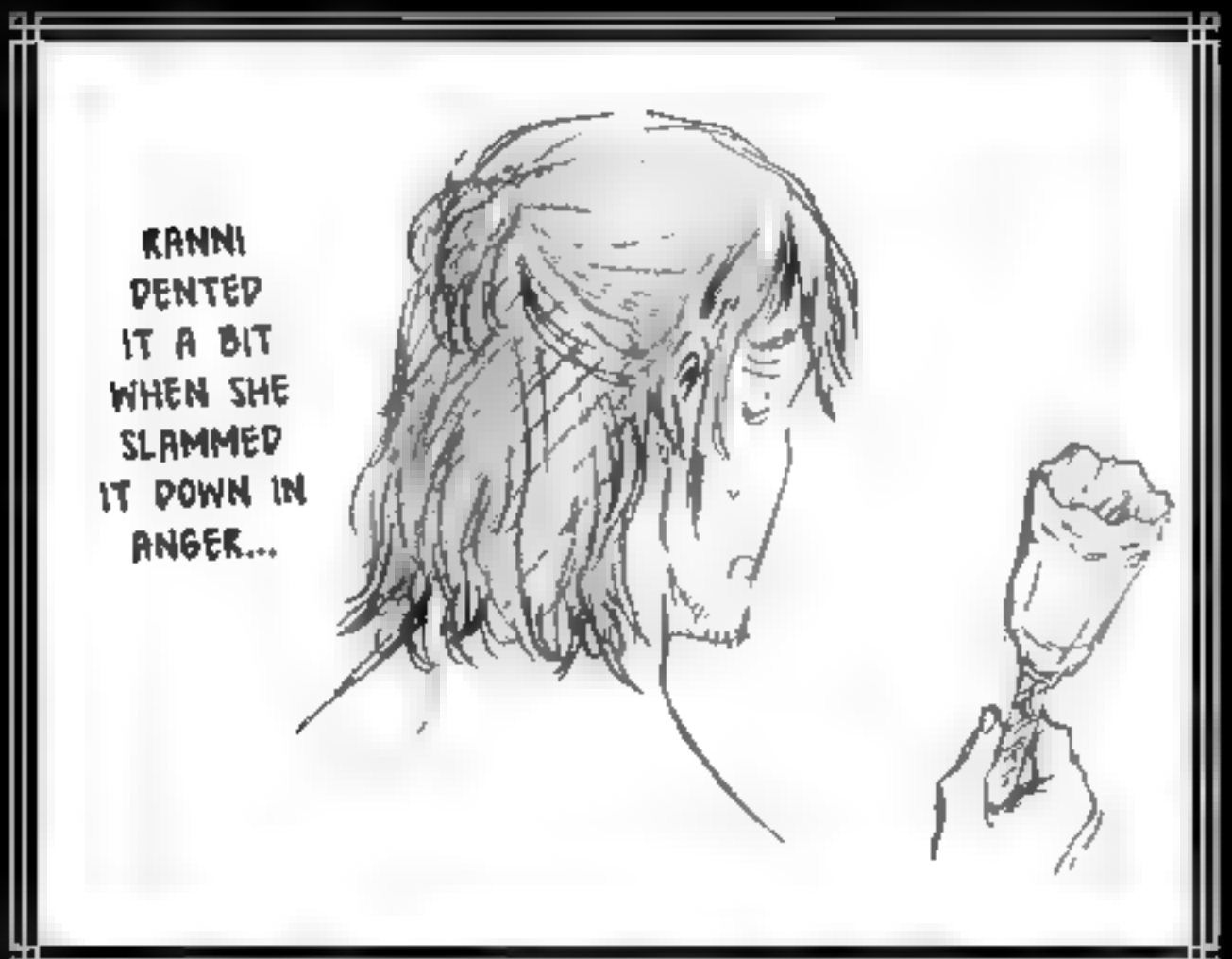
I DO HAVE SOME TOOTHPASTE WITH ME.

TO BE CONTINUED!

Spirit Calling Bell



This bell, which summons various spirits from ashen remains, is bestowed by the witch Renna (aka Ranni). Summoning spirits consumes FP, so those without sufficient Mind stats aren't able to use it.



ELDEN RING

The Road to the Erdtree

POCHI, THE INCOR-RUPTIBLE HOLY HOUND!!

GO!!

DING-A-LING

TAROU, THE DEATH-WOLF!!

AND, UH...

SHIROU, THE BER-SERKER BUL-WARK!!

CHAPTER 7
Seek Stormveil Castle

THAT'S IT! THE RIGHT! NOW LEFT!

SWOOSH

YES !!

JAB

SWISH

GOOD DOGGIES !!

BARK!

GRRRRR

BARK!

THWACK

OKAY, FALL BACK !!

I'LL FINISH IT OFF!!

PHEW!

I THINK WE FINALLY GOT OUR GOLDEN FORMATION DOWN...!!

.....

WHUMP

WHICH MEANS ...

WOOF!

NOW NOBODY IN LIM-GRAVE CAN BEAT US.

TLIRA

IT'S TIME TO GO FOR IT!!

NEXT STOP, STORMVEIL CASTLE!!

MELIII

...OR IT'LL PUT A BIG WRINKLE IN MY FRIENDSHIP WITH MELI-MELI...

WE HAD AN ACCORD. DO YOU WANT TO BE MAIDEN-LESS AGAIN?

HOW LONG MUST YOU FAFF ABOUT IN LIMGRAVE?

...NOT TO MENTION HER FORE-HEAD...

HHHHHHSSSH

.....

EHHH... I DON'T REALLY WANNA GO, BUT...

...I BETTER DO SOME-THING SOON...

SIIIGH...

LOAF

UH... NEVER MIND... I'LL GET ON IT...

WHAT?

AW, C'MON! I'M TOO BUSY THINKING UP NAMES FOR MY WOLVES...

THE FIRST TIME I TRIED TO REACH THE CASTLE...

...I GOT OUTNUMBERED AND THRASHED REAL HARD. BUT NOT THIS TIME...!!

SKJFF

GATEFRONT RUINS

...

WAIT... WHAT ...?

NOW I'VE GOT SPIRIT ASHES AND YOU, TORRENT!

WEIRD ...

GLANCE

GLANCE

. BUT THERE'S NOBODY HERE TODAY...

THIS CAMPSITE IS USUALLY FULL OF SOLDIERS...

BFFH!!

THERE'S NOTHING TO FEAR!! LET'S GO!!!

STORMHILL

WHOOOOOOOOSH

...

NNNNNNNN

!?!

GH...

WHY IS EVERY-BODY GONE!!?

THIS IS ACTU-ALLY WAY SCARI-ER!!

WE JUST WALKED RIGHT THROUGH THE GATES UN-HARMED!!

OH MAN, OH MAN, OH MAN...

D-DID YOU HEAR THAT, TORRENT!!? LIKE A WOMAN'S CRYING VOICE ON THE WIND...

BFFFH!

EEEP !!

NIH...

!!?

WHOOOOOOSH

SHUDDER

SHUDDER

WHAT IS THIS, A HOR-ROR SERES ...?

B-BFFFH ...

ARE WE SUDDENLY THE ONLY ONES LEFT ALIVE IN THE WORLD!!?

UM... HEL-LO?

WHOOOOOOSH

?

IS SOME-ONE THERE?

EVERY-ONE'S... BEEN GRAFTED...

THEY CROSSED THE SEA FOR ME... THEY FOUGHT FOR ME...

HEH HEH HEH ...

OHHH...

A-ARE YOU OKAY !!?

IT'S QUITE THE LARK, WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT IT...

チラ
GLANCE

.....

DID YOU KNOW? IF YOU'RE GRAFTED BY THE SPIDER, YOU BECOME A CHRYSALID.

HUH?

...ONLY TO HAVE THEIR ARMS TAKEN. THEIR LEGS TAKEN. EVEN THEIR HEADS TAKEN... AND STUCK TO THE SPIDER.

WHAT !!?

UH... JUST TURNED OUT THAT WAY.

WH...

WHY ARE YOU SO DEFENSE-LESS...!?

A REFRESH-INGLY HONEST REACTION ...

TOO TRUE...

.....

SHOCK

UM...

SPEAK-ING OF LARKS, YOU'RE NAKED AS A JAYBIRD! WHY!!?

FWOOOSH

THAT MAY BE THE FIRST NORMAL REACTION THIS OUTFIT HAS GOTTEN ME.

EVERYONE ELSE JUST LET-IT SLIDE...

YEAH... I GUESS ...

BY THE WAY, ARE YOU HEADING TO STORMVEIL CASTLE?

SORRY TO BE SO FRAUGHT BEFORE...

I'VE ALWAYS HAD TROUBLE HIDING MY EMOTIONS...

TREMBLE

TREMBLE

SHE WASN'T KIDDING ABOUT THE FREAK-OUTS...

OH! WERE YOU TRICKED BY THE ONE IN THE WHITE MASK TOO ?

WHY NOT TRY STORMVEIL CASTLE? KEH-HEH-HEH...

ARE YOU MAIDENLESS? WITHOUT THE STRENGTH OF RUNES, WITHOUT AN INVITATION TO THE ROUND-TABLE HOLD, YOU'LL DIE IN OBSCURITY!

RUB

RUB

UH... WHAT PART OF THAT IS POLITE, EXACTLY ...?

...HE TOLD ME SO POLITELY.

I THOUGHT, SURELY HE'S A KIND MAN...

SWISH

SWISH

I TAKE IT YOU'RE A VICTIM LIKE ME, THEN...

IT SEEMS SO...

...WHAT WAS THAT YOU SAID ABOUT BEING STUCK TO A SPIDER...?

ANY-WAY...

LOOK, I GET THAT YOU WANT REVENGE...

...BUT THEY SACRIFICED THEMSELVES TO SAVE YOU, SO...

MY COMPANIONS WERE GRAFTED...

THEIR LIMBS WERE CUT OFF AND STUCK TO A HIDEOUS MONSTER...

AH...

REVENGE? NO! I WANT TO BE ONE WITH THEM...

TREMBLE

TREMBLE

...BUT I'M TOO MUCH OF A COWARD TO GO THROUGH WITH IT...!!

FWIP

I'M JUST TOO SCARED...

I'M NOTHING BUT A CRAVEN...

I'M, UH... SORRY TO HEAR THAT ...

I'VE HAD A ROUGH TIME SINCE I GOT HERE TOO...

I... I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL.

JUST ONE THING TO DO...

?

NGH...

UH... YOU KNOW THAT'LL KILL YOU, RIGHT...?

I CAN'T JUST LEAVE HER LIKE THIS...

MAN, SHE'S TOTALLY TRAUMA-TIZED...

M...MY CONDO-LENCES ...

WHEN A WOMAN I'D JUST MET TOLD ME MY BREATH STANK, I WANTED [TO] DIE TOO...

THOU REEK'ST !!

GLOOM

NO MEMORIES... BOTTLES STUCK TO MY BUTT...

WHY NOT TRY STORMVEIL CASTLE?

GETTING TRICKED...

THAT'S A TELE-PORTATION TRAP!

...AND TRICKED AGAIN...

I RAISED YOUR INTELLI-GENCE.

...AND TRICKED...

AND FATE BROUGHT US TARNISHED TO THE LANDS BETWEEN !!!

CLENCH

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BUT I THINK I'VE GOTTA KEEP PUSHING ONWARD, NO MATTER WHAT!

FLEX

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WHY? BECAUSE I'M TAR-NISHED!

ALL RIGHT ...!!

THE SMILE MAY NOT BE GENUINE...

YOU'RE RIGHT...

LET'S NOT THROW OUR LIVES AWAY!!

AND SO...

...I BET WE'LL BE SAVED SOMEDAY !!

...BUT GOING BY HER REACTION, MAYBE I GOT THROUGH!

HEH HEH HEH...

GOT IT!?

.....

YOU MUST BE VERY BRAVE ...

LIM, WELL ...

I'LL TRY NOT TO THROW MY LIFE AWAY ...!!

NOPE! IT DIDN'T TAKE!!!

BOW

IF YOU GO TO THE CASTLE, GIVE THE CHRYSALIDS MY MESSAGE.

WHOOOOOOSH

TELL THEM I LOVE THEM...

...AND THAT DESPITE MY CRAVEN HEART, I'M SURE I'LL JOIN THEM SOON ENOUGH...

WHOOSH

STILL NOT A SOLDIER IN SIGHT EITHER...

TOO CREEPY.

THEN AGAIN, WITH THEM GONE

HMMMN...

WHOOOOOOSH

...BUT I CAN'T, AFTER SPEWING ALL THAT "PUSHING ONWARD" STUFF.

SIIIGH...

NOW WHAT? I FIGURED I'D CALL IT A DAY AND HEAD BACK...

TRUDGE

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TRUDGE

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JERK

I'M GONNA SEE JUST HOW FAR I CAN GO!!

C'MON, ASEO!! DAMN THE CONSE-QUENCES!!

I'M NOT GONNA DIE JUST YET!! I MADE IT THIS FAR, DIDN'T I!!?

IF THERE'S ONE THING I CAN DO, IT'S RUN AWAY!!

WITH NO ENEMIES AROUND, IT'S MY BIG CHANCE!!

I GOTTA SHOW MELI-MELI I'M NOT ***TOTALLY*** USELESS!!

FOUL TAR-NISHED!

...DEATH-WOLF ON MY SIDE!

TAKK

TAKK

BESIDES...

...I'VE GOT HOLY HOUND, BERSERKER BULWARK, AND, UH...

SHIING

EMBOLD-ENED BY THE FLAME OF AMBITION ...

...DO YOU YET SEEK THE ELDEN RING?

STOM

SHI...NG

!!?

HE LOOKS ALL OLD AND WOBBLY... HE'S EVEN GOT A CANE...

NOPE! I'M NOT GONNA DIE HERE!!

W-WELL, SOMEONE JUST SHOWED UP...

...BUT I'M GONNA BE FINE!!

SLAM

!!?

SMOOM

DOOOOOOM

SOMEONE MUST EXTINGUISH THY FLAME.

DOOOOOOM

H-HEY... HANG ON...

HE...

HE FLEW !!?

LET IT BE...

...MARGIT THE FELL OMEN!!

I'M DEAD...

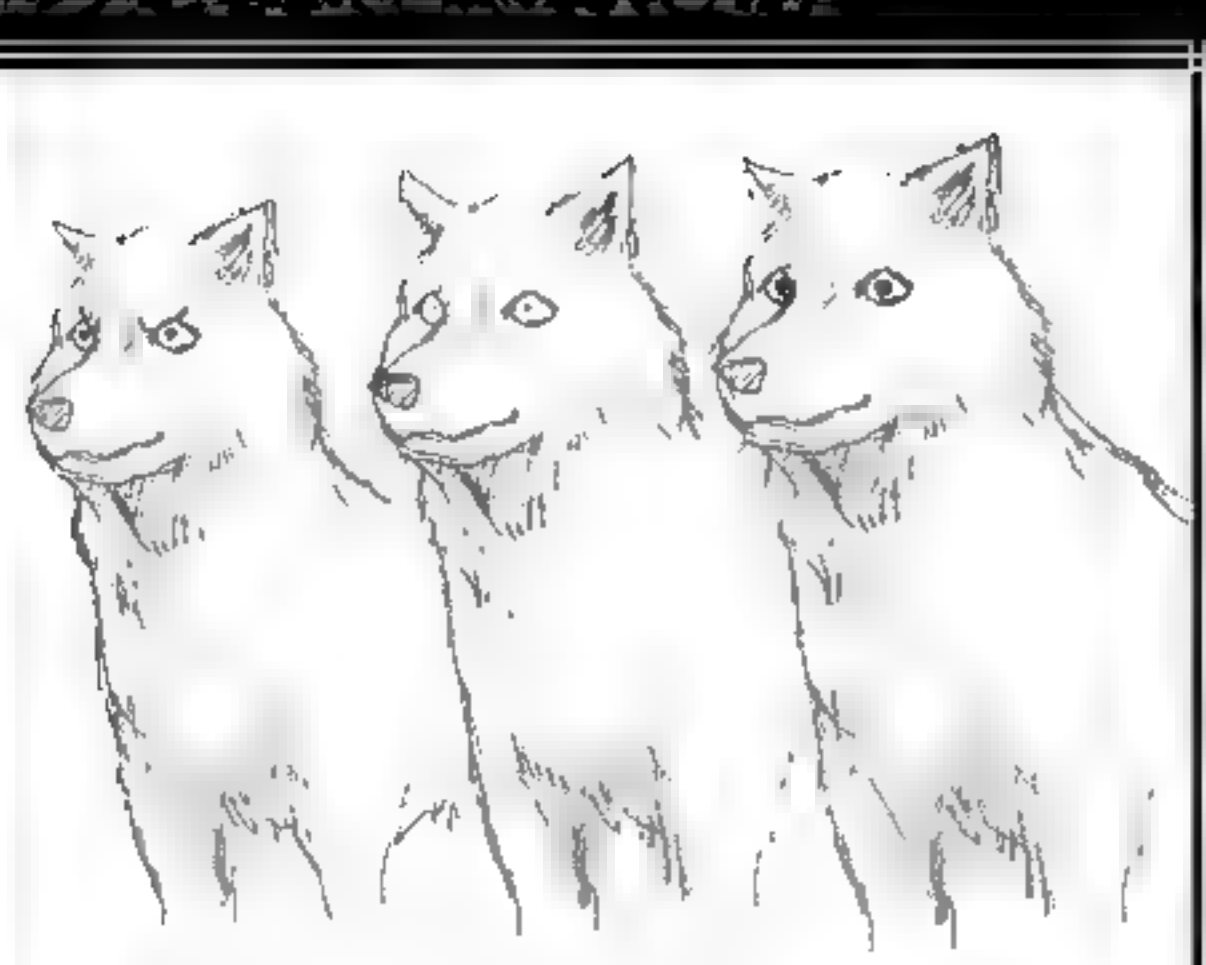
BEEZ, HE LOOKS STRONG

TO BE CONTINUED

WELP...

Lone Wolf Ashes

These ashes summon the spirits of three wolves who were chased from their pack. They overwhelm their summoner's enemies with their speed and agility. Are they littermates? Parent and pups? Are they male or female? Nobody knows.



ASEO NAMED THEM! FROM RIGHT TO LEFT:

- SHIROU, THE BERSERKER BULWARK
- POCHI, THE INCORRUPTIBLE HOLY HOUND
- TAROU, THE DEATH-WOLF

ELDEN RING
The Road to the Erdtree

DOOOOOOM

STORM-VEIL CASTLE

CHAPTER-8
Praise the Advice!

BEG YOUR PARDON, MILORD ...

WE'VE REDUCED SECURITY TO LURE THEM IN, BUT ONLY THREE HAVE TAKEN THE BAIT...

GATEKEEPER GOSTOC

... WELL?

HOW MANY TARNISHED ARE ON THEIR WAY INTO THE CASTLE?

GOD-RICK'S THRONE ROOM

.....

THAT WILL DO...

LURE THEM INTO THE COURTYARD AND CAPTURE THEM...

DEMIGOD GODRICK THE GRAFTED

KEH HEH HEH ...

KEH HEH HEH HEH ...

.....

YOU SEEM IN HIGH SPIRITS. MAY I ASK WHY?

YES, MILORD !!

UH —!!?

I-I'M SORRY, MILORD, I CAN'T ...!!

WHAT?

CAN'T YOU TELL, GOSTOC...?

SPARKLE

WITH THAT MANY PALMS, YOU COULD PICK ANY BLOODY FORTUNE YOU WANT...

V-VERY GOOD, MILORD ...

CHECK THIS OUT!!

PALM READING IS SOOO HOT IN THE CAPITAL THESE DAYS, SO I HAD MINE DONE!! IT'S GONNA BE, LIKE, A *SUPER*-GOOD MONTH!!

SPARKLE

SPARKLE

UH...

INDEED...

I KNOW WE'LL GET GREAT MATERIALS AND MAKE THIS THE BEST. GRAFTING. EVER!!!

SO I'M, LIKE, TOTALLY STOKED NOW!

DOOOOOOM

BRING THE TARNISHED IN THE USUAL WAY, 'KAY?

SEE? YOU CAN SEE HOW THEY'RE WRIGGLING, RIGHT?

SWISH

SWISH

SWISH

SWISH

SWISH

MY ARMS ARE ALL RESTLESS THINKING ABOUT IT!!

EASY FOR YOU TO SAY... YOU'RE NOT THE ONE RISKING HIS NECK...

NO!! NOTHING, MILORD!! AH-HA-HA-HA...

DID YOU SAY SOME-THING?

MUTTER

MUTTER

GLARE

YOU'VE GOT SO MANY ARMS, I CAN'T MAKE OUT A DAMN THING!

TH-THEY SURE ARE, MILORD !!!

GRIN

I'VE NEVER MET SOMEONE WITH VIBES LIKE THIS!

CRAP...

WHOOM

HE DEFI-NITELY CAN'T TAKE A JOKE!! I'M DONE FOR!!

LOOM

!!

SWISH

RUSTLE

NO...!! DON'T PANIC, ASEO!!

JUST 'COS HE CAN JUMP FROM WAY UP HIGH DOESN'T MEAN HE'S STRONG!!

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YOU'RE UP, BOYS! SIC 'IM!

BAKI!

BAKI!

ディィィン
DING-A-LIIING

I CAN WIN IF I MAKE THE FIRST MOVE!!

FREEZE

ピタッ

HSSSHHHHHH

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HEY! HEYYY!! DON'T RUN AWAY ON MEEE !!!

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BADUM

ZSH

DON'T LEAVE ME HERE ALONE !!

HEL-LOOO!? COME OUT! PLEASE !?

WHACK

WHACK

WHACK

WHACK

POCHI!! SHIROU !! TAROU !!

YOU TRAITORS! COME BACK OUT, OR NO MORE KIBBLE FOR YOU!!

SWOOSH

LEAP

TUMBLE

HOKAY ...!!

GUESS I'VE GOT NO CHOICE...!!

!!?

YEEAARGH!!

WHAT ART THOU DOING DOWN THERE?

.....

FLOP

MAKE IT SNAPPY, PLEASE... I DON'T LIKE PAIN.

SORRY, MELI-MELI.

MAN, MY LIFE WAS SHORT.

BUT ALMOST NO MEM-ORIES MEANS ALMOST NO REGRETS.

I'VE BEEN THROUGH A LOT TO GET HERE...

GETTIN' READY TO DIE!!

SWISH

.....

WELL, THEN...

???

VRUUM

THOU ART PREPARED TO DIE...? FOOLISH...

HUH?

WHA...?

HUUU-UUUU-UUUH ...!!?

CHER-ISH YOUR LIFE, MAN!

WARRIOR BLOOD RUNS IN THY VEINS, TARNISHED! DON'T GIVE UP SO EASILY!!!

YOU WON'T LAST A MINUTE PAST ME!!!

YOU'LL NEVER REACH LEYNDELL LIKE THAT, YOUNG MAN!!

TARNISHED THESE DAYS, ALWAYS QUIBBLING! I CAN'T STAND IT!!

FUME FUME

BUT... UM...

HAVE SOME AMBITION!! AT LEAST *TRY* TO FIND THE ELDEN RING!!

IT'S HUNTING DOWN BOLD TARNISHED THAT GIVES MY LIFE MEANING!!

THUNK THUNK

POKE

WOOF. HERE COMES A LECTURE...

SILENCE, FOOL!!

YOU'RE A BAD GUY, RIGHT?

THIS GUY'S GONNA BE A PAIN, HUH?

I, UH, DON'T REALLY UNDER-STAND...

BUT SORRY, THESE ARE ALL I'VE GOT...

HUH...

I GUESS ...

FIRST OF ALL, THAT OUTFIT!! THAT IS THE DEFINITION OF BEING UN-GUARDED!!

WEAR SOME PROPER CLOTHES !!

STRONG WORDS FROM A GUY IN A CAPE AND NOTHING ELSE...

HUH...?

THE ENEMIES YOU BEAT MUST HAVE DROPPED AT LEAST SOME-THING!!

THEN PICK SOME UP OR BUY SOME!

NOW PUT THIS ON, BEFORE I RETCH AT THE SIGHT OF YOU!

RRRIP

HUH?

SURELY WALKING AROUND NAKED IS DIRTIER!!!

TEE HEE!

THING IS, I'M KIND OF A GERMOPHOBE. NO USED CLOTHES FOR ME...

I CAN'T GO THRIFTING EITHER.

YEAH, KINDA ...

NEXT LES-SON!

HAVE YE A MAIDEN? AND A MAP?

TH-THANKS, MISTER.

FINE.

SWIP

I FOUND THIS MAP OUT BY THE GATE-FRONT.

AW MAN, WE'RE ALL MATCHY-MATCHY NOW...

EACH TIME WILL NET YOU A THOUSAND!!

DEFEAT THE TROLL WEST OF THERE TO EARN RUNES!!

...TO THE THIRD CHURCH OF MARIKA.

GO STRAIGHT DOWN THIS ROAD...

TAP

TAP

YOU'LL DIE IF YOU GO ANY FARTHER, SO LEVEL UP FIRST!!

THIS LECTURE JUST TURNED INTO A COACHING SESSION...

.....

IN THAT CASE ...

SWIP

WHAT IS IT?

UM, I HAVE A QUES-TION...

HE'S ONE OF THOSE OLD GUYS WHO'RE FULL OF ADVICE!

WAIT. I GET IT...

BY THE WAY, YOU'LL FIND THE LIMGRAVE EAST MAP SOUTH OF THE CHURCH!!

WOW, REALLY!!? I'LL GIVE IT A TRY!!

IT'S EASY ONCE YOU'RE USED TO IT!!

THEN GIVE IT A CRITICAL HIT TO THE HEAD! MAKE SURE YOU'RE LOCKED ON TO THE RIGHT SPOT!!

THE HEAVY ATTACK VER-SION!

BREAK THE TROLL'S STANCE WITH TWO STRIKES OF ITS "SQUARE OFF" SKILL!!

TAKE THIS LONG-SWORD.

HOW CAN I BEAT THAT TROLL ...?

BLINK BLINK

THAT'S *FELL OMEN* !!

NNNA

SNAP

I REALLY APPRECIATE ALL THE INFO!

MARGIT THE FELL OMEN!!!

THANKS, MARGIT THE FULL WALK-THROUGH!

SWIP

I ASSUME YOU DON'T KNOW ABOUT SKILLS.

THERE'S A SHACK NEARBY YOU SHOULD VISIT. A KNIGHT THERE WILL TELL YOU ALL ABOUT THEM!!

IS THAT CLEAR !!?

MARKED THE SHACK ON YOUR MAP

CRYSTAL! THANKS A MILLION!

HSSSHHHHHH

DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR AMBITION!!

BOW

I'LL KEEP IT IN MIND!! HAVE A NICE EVENING!!

COME BACK WHEN YOU'RE READY!! GOT IT?

WELL, THAT'S ALL FOR TODAY.

WE'LL HAVE OUR REMATCH !!

YES, SIR...!! LOOKING FORWARD TO IT, SIR...!!

GLANCE

.....

BAM

NOW TO IGNORE EVERYTHING HE SAID AND KEEP MOVING!!

ALL RIGHT !

HE'S GONE!!

GREAT ENEMY FELLED

!?HUHH

!!?

STOMP

STOMP

UM... I...

FLUSTERED ARARA

FOUL TAR-NISHED ...

I DIDN'T MEAN IT...

TH-TH...

THANX!!!

SHWIP

I FORGOT TO GIVE YOU THIS.

IT'S A PRECIOUS TALISMAN POUCH!!

YOU'LL NEED IT TO EQUIP MORE TALISMANS!

THAT WAS CLOSE

WHOOOOOOSH

STORMVEIL CASTLE MAIN GATE

FIGURES IT'S CRAWLING WITH GUARDS.

THERE'S GOTTA BE ANOTHER WAY...

HEY, YOU!

RIGHT THIS WAY, IF YOU WILL...!!

WHOOOOOOSH

FINALLY HERE, AT THE CASTLE GATE...

WHAT COULD BE NEXT ...?

GO RIGHT 50 METERS!

GUARANTEED SAFE!!! STORMVEIL CASTLE SIDE ROUTE

TARNISHED WELCOME

WATCH YOUR STEP!

WHAT IS THIS, A TOUR-IST TRAP ...?

THE GUARDS DON'T KNOW ABOUT THIS HOLE HERE!

YOU'LL BREACH THE CASTLE UNDETECTED!!

OVER HERE!

I WOULD ADVISE AGAINST TAKING THE MAIN GATE!

?

AH...

FAIR QUES-TION.

UM... SHOULD A GATEKEEPER BE HELPING ME SNEAK IN?

I'M GOSTOC, THE GATE-KEEPER!

YOU'RE TAR-NISHED, AREN'T YOU?

NAH... THIS GUY'S GOTTA BE ANYTHING BUT FRIENDLY.

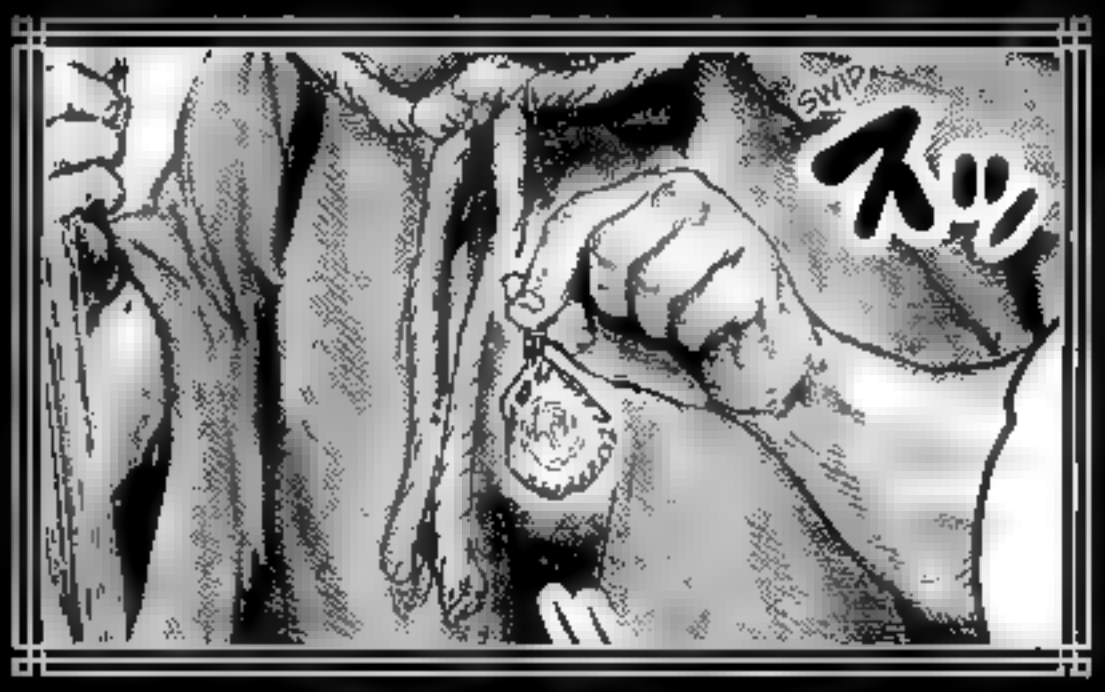
GRIIN

YOU SEE...

...I'M ACTUALLY A FRIEND TO TARNISHED LIKE YOU!

TO BE CONTINUED!

Talisman Pouch



Talismans provide various effects when equipped, but there's a limit to how many can be worn at once. Talisman pouches like this one allow Tarnished to equip more talismans. These extremely hard-to-get and precious items are supposedly knit by a certain old lady.

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CHAPTER 9
Could This Be a Friend?

SMIRK

HERE— TAKE THIS!!

UH, WHAT IS IT...?

GODRICK-BRAND SOAP (STORMVEIL-SCENTED!)

I'VE GOT-TEN CRATES OF-THE-STUFF!

IF ONE'S NOT ENOUGH, TAKE FIVE! OR TEN!!

HELP YOUR-SELF TO MY OTHER WARES TOO...

UH... HANG ON...

A BONUS FOR TARNISHED WHO TAKE MY SECRET ROUTE!

ENJOY THIS HANDMADE SOAP, FREE OF CHARGE!

UH... OKAY ...

WHAT KIND OF SALES CAMPAIGN IS THIS...?

IT'S GREAT FOR SCRUBBING OFF SWAMP POISON!!

SWISH

I STRONGLY SUGGEST THE SOAP

.....

GO THROUGH THE FRONT, AND ALL YOU'LL GET IS THIS STORMHAWK FEATHER.

ARE YOU SURE?

THAT'S, UH, NOT THE ISSUE...

I HAVEN'T EVEN DECIDED WHETHER TO TAKE YOUR ROUTE YET...

...NON-SENSE, MY FRIEND!!

FFF!

...AND YOU REEK OF SKETCHI-NESS.

WELL, YOU'RE TRYING TO DRAW ME IN WITH STUFF...

DO YOU DOUBT ME, THEN?

HEY, WAY TO LET THE CAT OUT OF THE BAG!!

NOT AT ALL!!

SWISH SWISH SWISH

NOW I KNOW IT'S A TRAP!!

SMIRK

I MEAN... IT'S NOT LIKE I LURE TARNISHED THROUGH HERE...

...JUST SO THEY CAN GET CAPTURED AND GRAFTED OR ANYTHING!!!

KEEP IT DOWN!!

MAKE TOO MUCH NOISE, AND THE SOLDIERS WILL SWARM US!

HUH?

SHH!

POMF

Q-QUIET, PLEASE ...!!!

HERE'S HOW IT STARTED ...

TWIRL

SO... GONNA EXPLAIN NOW?

THAT WAS A MISUNDER-STANDING !!

JUST TAKE THE SIDE ROUTE, OKAY!? I'LL EXPLAIN EVERY-THING!!

!!

.....

BROTHER PATCHES REALLY GETS AROUND...

THIS GUY PATCHES TALKED ME INTO SELLING HIS STORMVEIL SOUVENIRS!

I'M WAY IN THE RED! I NEVER SHOULD'VE BOUGHT IN!

EVEN WHOLESALE WASN'T CHEAP.

CAN I REALLY TRUST SOMEONE WITH THAT SUSPICIOUS FACE TO HELP ME SNEAK IN...?

...BUT IT'S JUST THE OPPOSITE!

WE ALL WANT YOU TO TAKE GODRICK OUT FOR US!!

!!?

THAT'S NOT ALL.

I KNOW IT LOOKS LIKE I'M TRYING TO TRICK HARMLESS UNSUSPECTING TARNISHED...

WHAT'S WORSE, HE DOESN'T PAY US! IT HAS TO STOP!!

HE CAN GRAFT ALL HE WANTS— IT WON'T GET HIM BACK INTO THE CAPITAL.

CAPTURING TARNISHED... GRAFTING THEIR PARTS...

WHAT'S THAT S'POSED TO MEAN?

TO TELL THE TRUTH... NONE OF US UNDERLINGS ARE ON BOARD WITH HIS PLANS...

BUT MOST OF ALL...

SLAM

IT'S FAR, AND DANGEROUS, AND THAT BASTARD KEEPS MAKING ■E GO!

SLAM

...I HATE, HATE, HATE IT!!

...I JUST CAN'T TAKE ANY MORE MONTHLY FASHION-SCOUTING TRIPS TO LEYNDELL!!!

SLAM

YEESH, THIS GUY'S GOT IT PRETTY ROUGH ...

THERE ARE A FEW MORE TARNISHED ALREADY INSIDE!!

WORK WITH THEM AND TAKE GODRICK OUT...!!

BUT WE'LL LOOK THE OTHER WAY WHILE YOU SNEAK IN...

IF WE REVOLT, WE DIE!!

!!

...SO PLEASE, PLEASE INFIL-TRATE THE CASTLE !!

I SUCK IN COMBAT

...BUT I DUNNO HOW USEFUL I'LL BE.

...IF IT MEANS THAT MUCH TO YOU, I'LL LEND A HAND...

EVERY BIT HELPS! THANK YOU...!!

PLEASE ...!!

YIKES...

I ALMOST TRUSTED YOU FOR A SEC-OND.

SSSMIRK

GO ON, THEN! THROUGH THE HOLE...!!

I PROMISE YOU WON'T END UP GRAFTED ...!!!

I KNEW IT WAS A TRAP!!!

TAKE THE SIDE ROUTE, OR I'LL CALL THE GUARDS!!

...DAMMIT, WILL YOU GET WITH THE PRO-GRAM!?

THEN WHAT WAS IT?

NO! WAIT!!

THAT'S NOT WHAT THAT FACE MEANT ...

.....

CLAMOR

BICKER

CLAMOR

BICKER

NOW THAT I KNOW IT'S A TRAP, I GOTTA FIND A NEW PLAN...

OR... I COULD USE THEIR OWN PLAN AGAINST THEM...!!

CRIPES...

ZZZ

HRAH.

HRAH.

THAT'S WHAT YOU GET!

'SCUSE ME!! GOT A MINUTE !!?

HUH?

DOOOOM

GATEKEEPER GOSTOC SAID TO ENTER THE CASTLE!

IS THIS THE RIGHT WAY?

AWRIGHT!

WHOO-HOO!!

YAY!

GRAFTING RULES!

I'M A TARNISHED HERE TO BE GRAFTED!!

I MAY BE ACTING, BUT THAT STILL GETS MY GOAT...

WHOOOOOOSH

YOU SAID IT...

DRESSED LIKE THAT, HE MUST BE NUTS. POOR GUY.

WHAT DO WE DO?

THAT'S A NEW ONE. WHAT'S WITH THIS GUY?

NOW TO GIVE HIM THE SLIP...

SMIRK

...AND SNEAK AWAY—

THIS WAY.

TELL YOU WHAT— COME ON IN.

THANKS, PAL!

YEP!

THAT'S 'COS IT'S OUR TRAP ROOM!!

BUT IT'S WAY TOO DARK TO SEE...

THAT'S RIGHT.

.....

IN THERE?

WAIT, WHAT —?

GA-CHK

HUH?

HEY!!

USUALLY WE'D KILL YOU IN THERE, BUT WE NEED YOU ALIVE THIS TIME, SO HOLD TIGHT.

?

MAAAN, I'M DUMB —!!!

I ENDED UP GETTING TRAPPED AFTER ALL!?

BOOP

NICE TO MEET YOU!

UH... THAT'S NOT A VERY SORCERERY WAY TO MAKE AN ENTRANCE...

WHO IS THIS GUY...?

ROGIER'S THE NAME. A SORCERER, AS YOU MIGHT HAVE GUESSED.

SHHHK

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SOMEONE'S IN THE CEILING!!?

NOT AT ALL.

THANKS FOR GETTING ME OUT OF THERE.

HAPPY TO HELP A FELLOW TAR-NISHED.

WOOOOM

WHAT BRINGS YOU HERE, ROGIER?

I'M LOOKING FOR A LITTLE SOME-THING...

...WHEN I'M NOT HOT-FOOTING IT FROM THE TROOPS.

I SAW THEM CATCH YOU AND JUST HAD TO HELP...

"FELLOW"? SO HE'S TARNISHED TOO...

MUST BE ONE OF THE ONES GOSTOC MENTIONED...

SORCERER ROGIER

WHY DIDN'T HE JUST USE MAGIC...?

RUINED THE SHEATH TOO

THOUGH, DIGGING MY WAY TO THE ATTIC WITH A RAPIER TOOK A LOT OF WORK.

CRUMPLE ボ

IT'S NOTHING MUCH FOR A SORCERER LIKE ME...

YOU PICKED A PRETTY SWEET HIDING SPOT!!

MY, OH MY!!

WELL ...

...LONG STORY. EITHER A MAIDEN FORCED ME TO COME, OR I FOLLOWED THE GUIDANCE OF GRACE. TAKE YOUR PICK...

ENOUGH ABOUT ME. WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN STORM-VEIL?

HUH?

IS IT REALLY THAT IMPRES-SIVE?

SPLENDID!! I ENVY YOU!!

YOU CAN SEE IT, THEN? THE GUIDANCE OF GRACE...!?

DUN

THAT'S WHERE ALL THE HEROES GATHER !!

THEY DON'T LET JUST ANYBODY IN THERE!!

WHOA ...

HEROES LIKE THIS, I GUESS?

YES, OF COURSE !!

THEY'D LOVE YOU AT THE ROUND-TABLE HOLD!!

ROUND-TABLE HOLD?

THE THING I'M AFTER SHOULD BE RIGHT DOWN HERE.

VOOOM

HOP

WHAT DO YOU SAY?

SHALL WE SPEAK OF IT AS WE SEARCH THE CASTLE TOGETHER?

?

I'LL HAVE MUCH LESS TO FEAR WITH SOMEONE LIKE YOU ALONG!!

SEIZE THEM BOTH!

!!

STOMP

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I MADE IT INTO THE CASTLE ...

...BUT I LOST SIGHT OF MY GOAL. MAYBE I SHOULD STICK WITH ROG FOR NOW...

I BET HE CAN FILL ME IN ON A LOT TOO...!!

HEY!!

THERE THEY ARE!!

HUH !!?

BUT THAT'S A SHEER DROP!!

WAVE

THIS WAY!! HURRY!!

GLEEEAM

HAVE NO FEAR!! WITH MY SORCERY, WE'LL GET AWAY SAFELY !!

WHOOSH

GRAB

?

NO...

CLATTER

FLUSTER

HEY! ONE AT A TIME, MORONS!

OH, I GET IT!

YOU'RE GONNA FLY US OUT OF THE CASTLE, RIGHT?

WAY COOL

UH, FOR REAL?

WE'LL USE THESE GLINT-BLADES AS STAKES AND CLIMB DOWN THE WALL!!

ESCAPING AND SEARCHING— TWO BIRDS, ONE STONE!

CRACCK

!!?

COME ON, FOLLOW ME!!

OH, CRAP!!

TWIRL

LEAP

DOOOOOOOOM

WHAT THE HELL !!?

I FORGOT

GLINT-BLADES CAN'T ACTUALLY PIERCE ANYTHING...

GLEAM

SPLAT

SPLUSH

ZIP

RIP

TRUNCH

OOH, I HOPE THEY CATCH THOSE TARNISHED SOON!!

TRA-LA-LA!

TO BE CONTINUED

TEARING THROUGH THESE THINGS IS HARD WORK !!

PHEW ...

THERE! NOW THE GRAVE-YARD'S ALL DE-WEEDED!

Soap

A useful item for cleaning off all kinds of stains, from poison swamp muck, to oil, to the blood of one's enemies. Filth covering the exterior eventually seeps inside, soiling one's very spirit—so be sure and stay squeaky clean while you're adventuring!

NEXT

A DECISIVE BATTLE...

WELL, NOW ...

HIDE-AND-SEEK WAS FUN...

...BUT PLAY-TIME IS OVER.

NOW IT'S GRAFT-ING TIME!!

...AT STORMVEIL CASTLE!!

THUNDER STORM

...PLUS NEW ALLIES (?)

NEW FOES...

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